
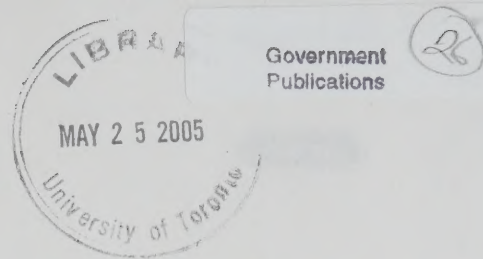


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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 14, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson,
Jay Hill for Gordon O'Connor,
and Scott Simms for Lawrence O'Brien.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 12, 1994

ORDER OF THE DAY

The Clerk of the Committee presented the Committee's Title

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT

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ATTENDING MEMBERS PRESENT

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson, Jay Hill for Gordon O'Connor and Scott Simms for Lawrence O'Brien.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Anthony Rota, it was agreed, — That Pat O'Brien be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Betty Hinton, it was agreed, — That Rick Casson be elected as Official Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Gilles-A. Perron, it was agreed, — That Claude Bachand be elected as the Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Parliamentary Information and Research Service of the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

At 11:41 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
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2004/10/14 3:46 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: Pat O'Brien.

Meeting No. 2

Monday, October 18, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Lawrence O'Brien,
and Ken Boshcoff for Lawrence O'Brien.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Monday, October 18, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Lawrence O'Brien and Ken Boshcoff for Lawrence O'Brien.

Associate Members present: Cheryl Gallant.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Judi Longfield, seconded by Anthony Rota, moved, — That the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, and a representative of the other opposition party do compose the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

Debate arose thereon.

Bill Blaikie moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence" with the words "another representative of the Government".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bill Blaikie and it was agreed to.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

On motion of Judi Longfield, seconded by Larry Bagnell, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least three (3) members are present including a member of the opposition and one member of the government.

On motion of Rick Casson, seconded by Dave MacKenzie, it was agreed, — That witnesses be given, at the discretion of the Chair, ten (10) minutes to make their opening statement; That during the questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be as follows: On the first round of questioning, seven (7) minutes to a representative of each party in the following order: Conservatives, Bloc Québécois, NDP and Liberals. On the following rounds of questioning, five (5) minutes per party beginning with the Conservatives, the Liberals, the Bloc Québécois, the Liberals, the Conservatives

and the Liberals; and that when a Minister is in attendance in the first round of questioning ten (10) minutes be allocated to each of the opposition parties and ten (10) minutes to the Liberal party, and in a second round five (5) minutes to each party alternating between the government and the opposition parties.

On motion of Judi Longfield, seconded by Dave MacKenzie, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair.

Claude Bachand, seconded by Gordon O'Connor, moved, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages.

Debate arose thereon.

Claude Bachand moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “languages” the following: “and that no document provided by a witness be distributed without the Clerk's authorization”.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

On motion of Gilles-A. Perron, seconded by Claude Bachand, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

On motion of Gordon O'Connor, seconded by Claude Bachand, it was agreed, — That, during *in camera* meetings a member may be accompanied by one (1) assistant and in the event that the member is unable to attend a meeting, one (1) assistant from their office may be present.

On motion of Rick Casson, seconded by Gordon O'Connor, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Betty Hinton, seconded by Gordon O'Connor, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (1), a Subcommittee be established to inquire into matters relating to Veterans Affairs; That the Subcommittee be composed of seven (7) members of which three (3) shall be government members and four (4) shall be opposition members: two (2) Conservatives, one (1) Bloc Québécois and one (1) NDP; and that the Subcommittee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and to receive evidence.

On motion of Rick Casson, seconded by Gilles-A. Perron, it was agreed, — That, except for amendments to bills, twenty-four (24) hours' written notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; and That the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Committee's next meeting.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Bill Blaikie, seconded by Rick Casson, it was agreed, — That

the Committee should, as its first order of business, examine the Department of National Defence's purchase of four former Upholder class submarines.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk should arrange for a briefing at DND for members of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Minister of National Defence be invited to appear before the Committee during the first week of November on the Main Estimates.

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Veterans Affairs be invited to appear before the Committee on the Main Estimates.

On motion of Judi Longfield, seconded by Claude Bachand, it was agreed, — That the Chair should write to the Minister requesting detailed information concerning the Minister's plans on the celebration of VE day.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and procedure would meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2004.

At 4:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/21 11:58 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Dave MacKenzie,
Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Bagnell for Lawrence O'Brien,
and Scott Simms for Hon. Judi Longfield.

IN ATTENDANCE:

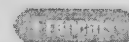
Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Gen Raymond R. Henault, Chief of the Defence Staff;
VAdm Bruce MacLean, Chief of Maritime Staff.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Dave MacKenzie, Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell for Lawrence O'Brien and Scott Simms for Hon. Judi Longfield.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Gen Raymond R. Henault, Chief of the Defence Staff; VAdm Bruce MacLean, Chief of Maritime Staff.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. It was agreed — That the Committee would immediately undertake a study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.
2. It was agreed — That the Clerk be instructed to make inquiries into the possibility of an on-site briefing in Halifax by the Canadian Forces.
3. It was agreed — That the Clerk be instructed, in consultation with the Chair, to prepare a draft budget for the Committee's proposed study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.
4. It was agreed — That the Minister of National Defence be invited to appear before the Committee on Wednesday, November 3, 2004 at 3:30 p.m.
5. It was agreed — That the Minister of Veterans Affairs be invited to appear before the Committee.
6. It was agreed — That the Clerk be instructed to arrange a tour and briefing session at National Defence Headquarters on Tuesday, October 26, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.
7. It was agreed — That General Raymond Henault, Chief of the Defence Staff and Vice-Admiral R.D. Buck, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, be invited to appear before the Committee on Wednesday, October 20, at 3:30 p.m.

Claude Bachand moved, — That the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure on be allowed to stand.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 14, 2004 , the Committee commenced its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear the witnesses present.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses: Mr. Alan Williams and Capt.(N) M.F. Williamson be invited to appear on Monday, October 25, at 3:30 p.m..

It was agreed, — That the Minister of National Defence be invited to appear before the Committee on Wednesday, November 3, 2004 at 3:30 p.m..

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Veterans Affairs be invited to appear before the Committee on Wednesday, November 24, 2004 at 3:30 p.m..

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be instructed to arrange a tour and briefing session at National Defence Headquarters on Tuesday, October 26, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. .

At 5:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/22 4:08 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien.

Meeting No. 4

Monday, October 25, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, (Materiel);
Capt(N) M.F. Williamson, Project Manager - For submarine
capability life extension.

Mr. Williams made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 4

Monday, October 25, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, (Materiel); Capt(N) M.F. Williamson, Project Manager - For submarine capability life extension.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

Mr. Williams made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/26 3:01 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien.

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, October 27, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, October 27, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bill Blaikie moved, — That the government whip be asked to remove the parliamentary secretary from this Committee.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible as being beyond the mandate of the Committee as provided on pages 805 to 808 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice and pursuant to Standing Order 108(3).

Whereupon, Bill Blaikie appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was sustained, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, October 18, 2004 and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. It was agreed, — That the study of the Committee on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces inquire into but not be limited to the assessment of needs, the process of acquisition, the decision making process and training, according to the work plan prepared by the Committee's analysts.
2. It was agreed, — That the Clerk be instructed, in consultation with the Chair, to prepare a draft budget for the Committee's proposed study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.
3. It was agreed, — That the Clerk be instructed to make inquiries into the possibility of an on-site briefing in Halifax by the Canadian Forces and in consultation with the Chair, prepare a draft budget for the trip.
4. It was agreed, — That the Committee meet Wednesday, October 27, 2004 to discuss future

business.

On motion of Rick Casson, seconded by Claude Bachand, it was agreed, — That the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

It was agreed, — That Members be provided with copies of all documents sent to the Committee, before they are made available to the public.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be instructed to endeavor to have the Committee's meetings televised whenever possible.

Keith Martin, seconded by Bill Blaikie, moved, — That a third round of questioning of witnesses would operate in the same manner as the second with the NDP being given the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the third round .

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the motion concerning questioning of witnesses when a Minister is present should be modified to read as follows: that when a Minister is in attendance in the first round of questioning ten (10) minutes be allocated to each of the opposition parties and ten (10) minutes to the Liberal party, and in a second round five (5) minutes to each party in the following order; Conservative, Liberal, Bloc Québécois, Liberal, Conservative, Liberal and Conservative, and in a third round the order would be the same as in the second round with the NDP being able to ask questions at the end of the round.

On motion of Judi Longfield, seconded by Anthony Rota, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

At 4:39 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the terms of reference for the study on the acquisition of submarines by Canadian Forces prepared by the Committee' analysts.

It was agreed, — That a proposed list of witnesses be adopted with the proviso that names may be added to or deleted from it as the study goes forward.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt a budget for the study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt a budget for a trip to Halifax.

It was agreed, — That witnesses be invited to appear in relation to the Committee's study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, Monday, November 1, 2004.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall

Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Monday, November 1, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Hon. Bill Blaikie
Rick Casson
Hon. Judi Longfield
Dave MacKenzie
Hon. Keith Martin
Gordon O'Connor
Gilles-A. Perron
Anthony Rota

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESS:

As Individual:
Peter Cairns.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



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eting No. 6

nday, November 1, 2004

Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave McKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

ing Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Michel Rossignol, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

nesses: As an Individual: Peter Cairns, Vice-Admiral (Retired).

uant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by Canadian Forces.

e witness made a statement and answered questions.

e Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a draft budget respecting the Committee's proposed travel to the NORAD installation in North Bay, Ontario.

5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, November 3, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20 under NATIONAL DEFENCE referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Hon. Larry Bagnell
Hon. Bill Blaikie
Betty Hinton
Hon. Judi Longfield
Dave MacKenzie
Hon. Keith Martin
Pat O'Brien
Gordon O'Connor
Gilles-A. Perron
Anthony Rota

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Bill Graham, Minister of National Defence

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:
Gen Raymond R. Henault, Chief of the Defence Staff;
Ward P. Elcock, Deputy Minister;
Rodney Monette, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance
and Corporate Services;
Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, (Materiel).

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, November 3, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:38 p.m. this day, Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Mangfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Guest Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Bill Graham, Minister of National Defence.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Gen Raymond R. Henault, Chief of the Defence Staff; Ward P. Elcock, Deputy Minister; Rodney Monette, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Corporate Services; Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, (Materiel).

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 5, 10, 15 and 20 under NATIONAL DEFENCE referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 2004.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien.

Meeting No. 8

Monday, November 15, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Betty Hinton,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:
BGen Darrell Dean, (Retired);
Mr. Ray Sturgeon.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Monday, November 15, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Associate Members present: Cheryl Gallant.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: BGen Darrell Dean, (Retired); Mr. Ray Sturgeon.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

On motion of Dave MacKenzie, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

At 5:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee would not travel to North Bay in December.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/16 3:23 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Monday, November 22, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Hon. Larry Bagnell
Hon. Bill Blaikie
Betty Hinton
Hon. Judi Longfield
Dave MacKenzie
Gordon O'Connor
Gilles-A. Perron
Anthony Rota

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. David A. Anderson for Hon. Keith Martin
Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:
LGen (Retired) Robert N. Fischer;
Pierre L. Lagueux.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Monday, November 22, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Guest Members present: Hon. David A. Anderson for Hon. Keith Martin and Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: LGen Robert N. Fischer, (Retired); Pierre L. Lagueux.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

At 5:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:09 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded *in camera* to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Auditor General and officials from the Office of the Auditor General of Canada be invited to appear Wednesday, December 1, 2004.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be instructed to invite a panel of academic witnesses to appear in relation to the study on the acquisition of submarines on Monday, December 6, 2004.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold a Committee Business meeting Wednesday December 8, 2004.

It was agreed, — That Mr. David Collenette be invited to appear in relation to the study on the acquisition of submarines on Monday, December 13, 2004.

It was agreed, — That the Chair write a letter to the Chief of the Defence Staff requesting detailed information concerning the issues surrounding the badges of chaplains in the Canadian Forces.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall

Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/24 12:11 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
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Chair: Pat O'Brien.

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, November 24, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15 under VETERANS AFFAIRS referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Rick Casson,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor
and Gilles-A. Perron.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Dave MacKenzie,
and Peter Stoffer for Hon. Bill Blaikie.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:

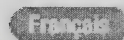
Jack Stagg, Deputy Minister;

Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services.

Veterans Review & Appeal Board:

Victor Marchand, Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, November 24, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Gilles-A. Perron.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Dave MacKenzie and Peter Stoffer for Hon. Bill Blaikie.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs: Jack Stagg, Deputy Minister; Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services. *Veterans Review & Appeal Board:* Victor Marchand, Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15 under VETERANS AFFAIRS referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 2004.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/25 9:54 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien.

Meeting No. 11

Monday, November 29, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Betty Hinton,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor
and Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Hon. Art Eggleton.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Monday, November 29, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Hon. Art Eggleton.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/30 9:36 a.m.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, December 1, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Auditor General's Annual Report

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Hon. Larry Bagnell
Rick Casson
Hon. Judi Longfield
Dave MacKenzie
Hon. Keith Martin
Pat O'Brien
Gordon O'Connor
Gilles-A. Perron
Anthony Rota

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Frank Barrett, Director

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;

Wendy Loschiuk, Principal;

Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General.

The Auditor General made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, December 1, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rick Casson, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General; Wendy Loschiuk, Principal; Frank Barrett, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Auditor General's Annual Report.

The Auditor General made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
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2004/12/02 11:45 a.m.

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Chair: Pat O'Brien.

Meeting No. 13

Monday, December 6, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Betty Hinton,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant:

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Gerry O'Keefe.

Department of National Defence:

Capt(N) M.F. Williamson, Project Manager, Submarine Capability
Life Extension.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 13

Monday, December 6, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Associate Members present: Cheryl Gallant.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Gerry O'Keefe. *Department of National Defence:* Capt(N) M.F. Williamson, Project Manager, Submarine capability life extension.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

Mr. O'Keefe made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:49 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Capt(N) Williamson made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/07 9:36 a.m.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, December 8, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

eting No. 14

Wednesday, December 8, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 2-N Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Ton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Associate Members present: Cheryl Gallant.

attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, on behalf of the Committee would respond to all correspondence addressed to the Committee, and that the critics of each party on the Committee as well as the Member of Parliament for the riding in which the correspondence was received will be copied on the response.

It was agreed, — That the Chair would write to the Minister of Veterans Affairs to inquire into the status of a request that was made for a list of all the eligible drugs under Veterans Affairs Canada's drug plan.

It was agreed, — That the Chair would write to the Chair of the Board of Internal Economy, copying the office of all parties' Whips and the head of the Library of Parliament, with the Committee's concerns about resources for the work of Committees especially research resources.

It was agreed, — That a request for funding, through the appropriate channels, would be made to hire a consultant to assist the Committee with its work from January 31, 2005 until June 30, 2005.

It was agreed, — To invite the following witnesses: Professor Martin Shadwick, Professor Peter Langille, Professor Richard Gimblett, Commander (retired) Peter Kavanagh, and Alan Williams ADM (Materiel) to appear before the Committee once the House resumes sitting after the Christmas break.

It was agreed, — That the Analysts would provide the Committee with a draft report once the House resumes sitting after the Christmas break.

At 4:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/09 3:26 p.m.

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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Monday, December 13, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Hon. Larry Bagnell
Hon. Bill Blaikie
Rick Casson
Betty Hinton
Hon. Judi Longfield
Dave MacKenzie
Hon. Keith Martin
Pat O'Brien
Gordon O'Connor
Gilles-A. Perron
Anthony Rota

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESS:

As Individual:

Hon. David Collenette.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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eting No. 15

nday, December 13, 2004

e Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

sociate Members present: Cheryl Gallant.

attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

tnesses: As an Individual: Hon. David Collenette.

e Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

motion of Betty Hinton, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 63,494, to hire a consultant for the period of January 31 to June 30, 2005 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

rsuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

he witness made a statement and answered questions.

4:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

4:53 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

he Committee resumed consideration of matters related to Committee business.

was agreed, — To withdraw the request for the documents relating to logs and sea trials results before the purchase of the submarines, Royal Navy technical reports on the original sea trials and index of Royal Navy technical reports on the original sea trials.

was agreed, — To request any existing executive summaries of the documents the Committee has requested to be sent to the Committee's researchers as well as a copy of the document in its original language as soon as possible.

t 5:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/14 12:08 p.m.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Monday, February 1, 2005

Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 362 Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Judi Longfield, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Guest Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed to prepare a list of names of candidates to replace the outgoing Ombudsman to be forwarded to the Government.

It was agreed that the Chair should forward a letter to the Chief of Defence Staff requesting information on the decision to change the Chaplains' badge, clarification of the issue surrounding the current practice of military chaplains performing same-sex marriages on military bases, clarification of the status of the citizenship of children born to Canadian Forces personnel while they are serving outside Canada and the department's position on zonalite insulation and how they propose to deal with individuals who formerly lived in these houses that are now experiencing health problems that have been associated with exposure to zonalite.

It was agreed that the Chair would write a letter of congratulation to the new Chief of Defence Staff.

It was agreed that the Chair would write to the Chief of Defence Staff requesting a confidential copy of the Board of Inquiry's report or an *in camera* briefing on their findings.

It was agreed that Main Contract of Purchase for the submarines be translated and distributed to all members in both official languages as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the Committee's meetings would be extended by one hour when necessary.

At 10:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

05/02/03 12:21 p.m.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 3, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Betty Hinton,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson,
and Marc Godbout for Hon. Judi Longfield.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESS:

As Individual:

Peter T. Kavanagh.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson and Marc Godbout for Hon. Judi Longfield.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Peter T. Kavanagh.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The witness answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee authorize the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the *Canadian Forces Superannuation Act* and other elements of the pensions and benefits package.

At 10:33 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:36 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the Committee issue a public statement to express its concern over the excessive length of time it is taking to receive from the Department of National Defence the documents requested in relation to the Committee's study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces and the use of the cost of translating documents as a means of further delaying their distribution to the Committee, and that the statement be released to the media by 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 3, 2005.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/07 11:48 a.m.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 362 of the Parliament Buildings, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Guest Members present: France Bonsant for Gilles-A. Perron and Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor.

Attendance: As *Individual*: Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant. *Parliamentary Information and Research Service*: Wolf Bernier, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be instructed to make inquiries with the Committee on Foreign Affairs concerning the possibility of holding a joint meeting at a future date to hear witnesses in relation to the government's aid efforts in the regions devastated by the tsunami on December 26, 2004 and the role of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART).

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be instructed to distribute copies of the Committee's 2001 report, "Procurement Study", and the Government response to that report as well as the report, "National Missile Defence: An Overview", prepared by the Committee in June 2000 but not presented in the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair write to the Committee on Procedure and House Affairs in response to his request for the Committee's views on prior review of Order-In Council appointments.

It was agreed, — That the following witness: Kenneth Calder, National Defence, Assistant Deputy Minister, (Policy) be invited to appear in relation to the study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 10:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/09 2:00 p.m.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, February 10, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien
and Gordon O'Connor.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Dave MacKenzie,
and Réal Lapierre for Gilles-A. Perron.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESS:

As an Individual:

Prof. Martin Shadwick.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 19

Thursday, February 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien and Gordon O'Connor.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Dave MacKenzie and Réal Lapierre for Gilles-A. Perron.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Prof. Martin Shadwick.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:33 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That further to a motion agreed to at a previous meeting the Committee will not invite Kenneth Calder, National Defence Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy) to appear before them.

Betty Hinton moved, — That the Chair write to the minister on behalf of the committee, expressing our thanks that he is going to personally review the case of Mr. Wenzel, and expressing the fact that we have had an update from Mr. Martin, as per the request of Mr. O'Connor and the committee, and that while we're pleased the minister is going to undertake this review, we want to ask him to ensure that he consider certain factors, such as the fact that Mr. Wenzel had a distinguished career later on in another branch.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 2.

At 10:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/11 2:26 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien. Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant;

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Richard Gimblett;

Howard Peter Langille.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Richard Gimblett; Howard Peter Langille.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

Dr. Gimblett made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:02 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:05 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Dr. Langille made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:33 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/16 2:53 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, February 17, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Powers for Hon. Larry Bagnell,
and Paul Szabo for Hon. Judi Longfield.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel;

Cmdre Roger Westwood, Director General, Maritime Equipment
Program Management.

Federal Government Dockyard Trades and Labour Council (East):

Dean Reid, President;

Tom Denault, Vice-president;

Lorne Brown, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Williams made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Mr. Reid made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 21

Thursday, February 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Russ Powers for Hon. Larry Bagnell and Paul Szabo for Hon. Judi Longfield.

Associate Members present: Cheryl Gallant.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel; Cmdre Roger Westwood, Director General, Maritime Equipment Program Management. *Federal Government Dockyard Trades and Labour Council (East):* Dean Reid, President; Tom Denault, Vice-president; Lorne Brown, Recording Secretary.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

Mr. Williams made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 10:16 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:20 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Mr. Reid made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Bill Blaikie moved, — 1. That the government of Canada develop skills and competence-related criteria for all government appointments, including Board Members and senior Officers of Crown Corporations and other government agencies, for which the Committee has reviewing responsibility; and that this criteria specifically address the non-partisan nature of these appointments;

2. That the government then submit this criteria to the Committee for consideration and approval with amendment if necessary;

3. That the Government of Canada then publicly release, including publishing in the Canada Gazette, the committee-approved criteria for each appointment;

4. That the names and qualifications of each nominee for an appointed position be referred to the Committee prior to the date of their appointment, with an explanation of how each nominee's

qualification has met the established criteria;

5. That the Committee, unless it unanimously decides otherwise, shall have at least one full meeting every two months to review government nominees for appointment.

Debate arose thereon.

At 11:36 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:37 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold its next two meetings on planning for the Defence review, including discussion on potential witnesses and travelling.

At 11:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/24 2:30 p.m.

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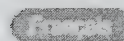
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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rick Casson, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Gilles-A. Perron.

Acting Members present: Marcel Gagnon for Claude Bachand and Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

In attendance: As Individual: Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant. *Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the staff prepare a detailed, tentative work plan for the months of April, May and June by Thursday, February 24.

At 10:31 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/22 3:55 p.m.

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Meeting No. 23

Thursday, February 24, 2005

IN CAMERA

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Meeting No. 23

Thursday, February 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:14 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Dave MacKenzie.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the work plan on a study of the review of defence policy presented by the researchers.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a draft budget respecting the Committee's proposed travel to London, Paris, Berlin, Brussels, The Hague and Bosnia in April and May for consideration by the Committee on March 8, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, prepare an operational budget to do a study on the review of Defence policy for consideration by the Committee on March 8, 2005.

At 10:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/25 10:37 a.m.

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Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

IN CAMERA

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lay, March 8, 2005

standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 362 Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Guest Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Joseph P. gan, Consultant.

uant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee ned its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

s agreed, — That the Standing Committee on National Defence invite the Honourable Bill Graham, Minister of nal Defence, General Rick Hillier, Chief of Staff of the Canadian Forces, and Lieutenant-General Eric A. Findley as as other members of the staff involved with the issue of changes to NORAD.

s agreed, — That the 48 hours notice period be waived and that the following motion be moved:

the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), sit jointly the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, to invite witnesses to determine what Canada specifically being asked to commit to as a participant in a North American Ballistic Missile Defence Program. The mmittee invites as a witness United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

s agreed, — That the motion be allowed to stand until the next meeting of the Committee.

s agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$81,280, for the period of April 1, 2005 to December 31, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

s agreed, — That a copy of the Summary Work Plan be posted on the Committee's website.

s agreed, — That, further to Mr. O'Keefe's request, a copy of the letter sent to the Committee from the Minister erning his testimony, be sent to him.

0:22 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/09 3:34 p.m.

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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, March 10, 2005

IN CAMERA

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ng No. 25

day, March 10, 2005

standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 362 Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rick Casson, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Hon O'Connor and Gilles-A. Perron.

Guest Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Dave MacKenzie, Russ Powers for Anthony Rota and Lloyd St. Amand for Judi Longfield.

Attendance: As Individual: Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant. *Library of Parliament:* Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Ignol, Analyst.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

as agreed, — That the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs, pursuant to Standing Order (2), sit jointly with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, to invite witnesses to examine what Canada was specifically being asked to commit to as a participant in a North American Ballistic Missile Defence Program; and that the Committee invite as a witness to coincide and in conjunction with her visit to Canada, the United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

as agreed, — That the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Veterans Affairs be invited to appear in session to Main Estimates.

as agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a draft budget respecting the Committee's proposed Canadian travel in relation to the study on Defence Review, for consideration by the Committee on March 22, 2005.

as agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a draft budget for the Committee's European travel in October 2005 in relation to its study on Defence Review, for consideration by the Committee on March 22, 2005.

as agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee make the necessary arrangements for a reception from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 5, 2005 with representatives of the NATO Defence College.

At 10:15 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

05/03/14 3:10 p.m.

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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

IN CAMERA

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Meeting No. 26

Monday, March 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 362, Parliament Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Attendance: As Individual: Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant. *Library of Parliament:* Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Gagnon, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budgets in the amounts of \$46,609, \$25,439, \$12,039, \$33,079, \$950 and \$68,144 for the Committee's travel in Canada during the months of April, May and June be adopted and that the Chair present the budgets to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 2:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, March 24, 2005

IN CAMERA

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sday, March 24, 2005

Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362 Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Larry Bagnell, Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Judi Longfield, Dave Kenzie, Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Guest Members present: Odina Desrochers for Gilles-A. Perron and Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

Attendance: As Individual: Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant. *Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

as agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a draft budget respecting the Committee's proposed travel to the United States for consideration by the Committee on April 5, 2005.

as agreed, — That the Minister of National Defence, The Chief of the Defence Staff, and General Eric Findley be invited to appear in relation to Main Estimates and changes made to the NORAD agreement last summer, on April 5, 2005.

as agreed, — That the Committee meet from 3:30 to 5:30 on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 to hear from the Minister of Veterans Affairs on the Main Estimates.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

05/04/22 9:40 a.m.

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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20 under NATIONAL DEFENCE referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Hon. Larry Bagnell
Hon. Bill Blaikie
Rick Casson
Betty Hinton
Dave MacKenzie
Hon. Keith Martin
Pat O'Brien
Gordon O'Connor
Gilles-A. Perron
Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Gordon O'Connor.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

APPEARING:

House of Commons:

Bill Graham, Minister of National Defence.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Gen Richard Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff
LGen Eric A. (Rick) Findley, Deputy Commander North American
Aerospace Defence Command
Ward P. Elcock, Deputy Minister
Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel
Rodney Monette, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and
Corporate Services.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 705 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Gordon O'Connor.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Appearing: House of Commons: Bill Graham, Minister of National Defence.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Gen Richard Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff; LGen Eric A. (Rick) Findley, Deputy Commander North American Aerospace Defence Command; Ward P. Elcock, Deputy Minister; Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel; Rodney Monette, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Corporate Services.

At 9:02 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Veterans Affairs be invited to appear in relation to Main Estimates before the end of April.

It was agreed, — That any supplementary opinions to the Committee's study on the acquisition of submarines be submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee no later than 48 hours after the Committee adopts the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee postpones its proposed travel plans for the parliamentary break weeks of April 25 to 29 and May 24 to 27, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 93,910, for the Committee's travel to Colorado Springs, CO, Washington DC and Norfolk VA in the United States during the month of July 2005 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee would hold a special meeting, if necessary, on Wednesday, April 13, 2005, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m..

At 9:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:02 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20 under NATIONAL DEFENCE referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:54 a.m. Mr. Casson took the Chair.

At 10:58 a.m. Mr. O'Brien took the Chair.

At 12:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, April 7, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 36(8)(b), the Committee commenced consideration of the failure of the Ministry to respond to petition Nos 381-0241 to 381-0244 concerning the National Missile Defence referred to the Committee on April 4, 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the office of the Ombudsman.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Rick Casson,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

As an Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

André Marin, Former Ombudsman for the Canadian Forces.

Department of National Defence:

Barbara Finlay, Interim Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman.

Mr. Marin made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 29

Thursday, April 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

In attendance: As Individual: Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant. *Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: André Marin, Former Ombudsman for the Canadian Forces. *Department of National Defence:* Barbara Finlay, Interim Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Auditor General be invited to appear in relation to her recent report on the Department of National Defence and the Command and Control Program.

Pursuant to Standing Order 36(8)(b), the Committee commenced consideration of the failure of the Ministry to respond to petition Nos 381-0241 to 381-0244 concerning the National Missile Defence referred to the Committee on April 4, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the appropriate Minister be invited to appear in relation to the failure to respond to petitions within the required time period.

At 9:17 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:20 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the office of the Ombudsman.

Mr. Marin made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/08 11:42 a.m.

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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 69 West Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien. Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 4:21 p.m. this day, in Room 62 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Procurement of Canada's Victoria Class Submarines.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a supplementary opinion from the Bloc Quebecois provided that it is no more than five (5) pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee make the necessary arrangements for a press conference to be held on Monday, April 18, 2005.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses: LGen Dumais, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff, VAdm Maddison and VAdm Buck, Vice Chief of Defence Staff be invited to appear in relation to Chapter 4 of the Auditor General's report: National Defence - C4ISR Initiative in Support of Command and Control.

At 5:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Vice-Chair: Rick Casson, CPC

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, April 14, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of review of defence policy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Dave MacKenzie,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wajid Khan for Hon. Keith Martin,
and Louis Plamondon for Gilles-A. Perron.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

The Atlantic Council of Canada:

Julie Lindhout, President;
Col John McKenna, (Retired), Vice-President.

Conference of Defence Associations:

LGen Richard J. Evraire, (Retired), Chairman;
Col Howard Marsh, (Retired), Senior Defence Analyst.

LGen Evraire made a statement and, with Col Marsh, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 32

Thursday, April 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Vice-Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rick Casson, Dave MacKenzie, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Wajid Khan for Hon. Keith Martin and Louis Plamondon for Gilles-A. Perron.

Associate Members present: Cheryl Gallant.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: The Atlantic Council of Canada: Julie Lindhout, President; John McKenna, Vice-President. *Conference of Defence Associations:* LGen Richard J. Evraire, (Retired), Chairman; Col Howard Marsh, (Retired), Senior Defence Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of review of defence policy.

Ms. Lindhout and Mr. McKenna made statements and answered questions.

At 10:27 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:33 a.m., the sitting resumed.

LGen Evraire made a statement and, with Col Marsh, answered questions.

At 11:25 a.m. Claude Bachand took the Chair.

At 11:31 a.m. Rick Casson took the Chair.

At 11:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, April 21, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed a briefing session on Chapter 4 of the Auditor General of Canada Report entitled: National Defence-C4ISR Initiative in support of Command and Control.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Hon. Larry Bagnell
Rick Casson
Odina Desrochers
Betty Hinton
Hon. Judi Longfield
Dave MacKenzie
Hon. Keith Martin
Pat O'Brien
Gordon O'Connor
Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;

Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General;

Wendy Loschiuk, Principal.

The Auditor General made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 33

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General; Wendy Loschiuk, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Chapter 4 of the Auditor General of Canada Report entitled: National Defence-C4ISR Initiative in support of Command and Control.

The Auditor General made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Casson took the Chair.

At 10:05 a.m. Mr. O'Brien took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk proceed with the logistical preparations for the Committee's trips, in relation to its study on the Defence Policy Review, which were approved in the House Wednesday, April 20, 2005.

At 10:31 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/21 12:00 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed a briefing session on Chapter 4 of the Auditor General of Canada Report entitled: National Defence-C4ISR Initiative in support of Command and Control.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Rick Casson,
Odina Desrochers,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor
and Anthony Rota.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

LGen Marc J. Dumais, Deputy Chief, Defence Staff;

Capt(N) Darren Knight, Director, Joint Force Capabilities.

LGen Dumais made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Associate Members present: Cheryl Gallant.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: LGen Marc J. Dumais, Deputy Chief, Defence Staff; Capt (N) Darren Knight, Director, Joint Force Capabilities.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed a briefing session on Chapter 4 of the Auditor General of Canada Report entitled: National Defence-C4ISR Initiative in support of Command and Control.

LGen Dumais made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 10:37 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:41 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 10:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/03 4:46 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Naval Board of Inquiry.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Odina Desrochers,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor,
and Wajid Khan for Hon. Judi Longfield.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Vice-Admiral Bruce MacLean, Chief of Maritime Staff;

Captain(N) Patrick Finn, Senior Member, Naval Board of Inquiry.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor and Wajid Khan for Hon. Judi Longfield.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: VAdm Bruce MacLean, Chief of Maritime Staff; Capt(N) Patrick Finn, Senior Member, Naval Board of Inquiry.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Naval Board of Inquiry.

VAdm MacLean made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, Rick Casson moved, — That a full, uncensored copy of the report of the Naval Board of Inquiry into the fire on the Chicoutimi be provided to the Committee, in confidence, by the Department of National Defence and if the report is not provided to the Committee by Tuesday May 17, 2005, the Minister of National Defence and other appropriate persons from the Department be called to appear before the Committee to fully explain why information is being withheld from the Committee on this issue.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 10:43 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/16 2:46 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, May 12, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session from the Military Police Complaints Commission.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell
Hon. Bill Blaikie
Hon. Judi Longfield
Hon. Keith Martin
Pat O'Brien
Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Military Police Complaints Commission:

Henry Kostuck, Interim Chairperson

Johanne Gauthier, General Counsel and Secretary to the
Commission.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 36

Thursday, May 12, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:20 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Hon. Judi Longfield, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien and Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Military Police Complaints Commission: Henry Kostuck, Interim Chairperson; Johanne Gauthier, General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session from the Military Police Complaints Commission.

Mr. Kostuck made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 10:23 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/12 2:38 p.m.

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Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee
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NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

and the
Standing Committee
on

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Chair: Bernard Patry, Lib.

Meeting No. 37

Monday, May 16, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced its study of the International and Defence Policy Statements.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Odina Desrochers,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Gordon O'Connor
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Crête for Claude Bachand
and Roger Valley for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

**MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL TRADE PRESENT:**

Stockwell Day,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Ted Menzies,
Pierre A. Paquette,
Bernard Patry,
Beth Phinney
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Belinda Stronach
and Derek Lee for Hon. Lawrence MacAulay.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

As an Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin, Clerk of the Committee.

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Bill Graham, Minister of National Defence; Hon. Pierre Pettigrew, Minister
of Foreign Affairs.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Ward P. Elcock, Deputy Minister;
Gen R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff.

Department of Foreign Affairs:

Peter Harder, Deputy Minister;
Robert McRae, Director General, Policy Planning Secretariat.

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Clerk of the Committee

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day, May 16, 2005

Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised joint session with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade at 10:04 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, Rick Casson, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs, and Bernard Patry presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi McGloughlin, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Guest Members present: Paul Crête for Claude Bachand and Roger Valley for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

Members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade present: Stockwell Day, Francine Gaudet, Alexa McDonough, Ted Menzies, Pierre A. Paquette, Bernard Patry, Beth Phinney and Kevin Sorenson.

Guest Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Belinda Stronach and Derek Lee for Hon. Lawrence MacAulay.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Ligan, Consultant. *Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin, Clerk of the Committee. *Library of Parliament:* Gerald Schmitz, Principal; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Bearing: Hon. Bill Graham, Minister of National Defence; Hon. Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Ward P. Elcock, Deputy Minister; Gen R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff. *Department of Foreign Affairs:* Peter Harder, Deputy Minister; Robert McRae, Director General, Policy Planning Secretariat.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced its study of the International and Defence Policy Committee.

The Ministers made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

05/05/17 12:06 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien. Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Main Estimates 2005- 2006: Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15 under VETERANS AFFAIRS referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Rick Casson,
Odina Desrochers,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Navdeep Bains for Hon. Judi Longfield,
Cheryl Gallant for Dave MacKenzie,
and Peter Stoffer for Hon. Bill Blaikie.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

APPEARING:

Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Jack Stagg, Deputy Minister.

Veterans Review and Appeal Board:

Victor Marchand, Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Navdeep Bains for Hon. Judi Longfield, Cheryl Gallant for Dave MacKenzie and Peter Stoffer for Hon. Bill Blaikie.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Appearing: Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs: Jack Stagg, Deputy Minister. *Veterans Review and Appeal Board:* Victor Marchand, Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005- 2006: Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15 under VETERANS AFFAIRS referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:23 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:27 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Chair would request an *in camera* briefing from the Minister of Defence on technical and other information that has been expunged from the Report of the Board of Inquiry concerning the fire on HMCS Chicoutimi excepting any personal information about Lt Saunders or other injured crew members.

At 10:54 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/18 1:20 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien. Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, May 19, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Odina Desrochers,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Pat O'Brien,
Gordon O'Connor
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Dave MacKenzie.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Gen R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff;

VAdm R.D. Buck, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff;

MGen Doug L. Dempster, Director General, Strategic Planning.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, May 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Dave MacKenzie.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Gen R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff; VAdm R.D. Buck, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff; MGen Doug L. Dempster, Director General, Strategic Planning.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

General Hillier made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:55 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:56 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 11:13 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/24 4:45 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Keith Martin, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Bill Casey for Dave MacKenzie and Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Capt(N) Patrick Finn, Senior Member, Naval Board of Inquiry; Sharon Chamberlain, Director General, Corporate and Shared Service.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed a briefing session on the Naval Board of Inquiry.

Ms. Chamberlain made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee travel to North Bay and Petawawa in June, to Quebec City, Montreal and St-Jean-sur-Richelieu in July, and confirm travel plans for Winnipeg, Victoria and Esquimalt, June 27 to 30, and Colorado Springs, Norfolk and Washington, July 10 to 15, as previously planned, in relation to its review of defence policy.

At 11:26 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/01 12:17 p.m.

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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Thursday, June 2, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 41

Thursday, June 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Odina Desrochers, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Pat O'Brien, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson and Wajid Khan for Hon. Keith Martin.

In attendance: As an Individual: Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant. *Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Australian High Commission: His Excellency William Fisher, High Commissioner; LCol Tim Grutzner, Defence Adviser.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee travel to Petawawa and North Bay on June 20 and 21, 2005, in relation to its review of defence policy.

It was agreed, — That the Committee travel to London, Ontario, on August 17 and 18, 2005, in relation to its review of defence policy.

It was agreed, — That, in relation to its study on Canada's defence policy and the future role of the Canadian Forces, 10 members of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to North Bay and Petawawa in June, to Quebec City, Montreal and St-Jean-sur-Richelieu in July and to London, ON, in August 2005, and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 9,935, for the Committee's travel to Kingston on September 22 and 23, 2005, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 163,177, for the Committee's travel to Europe from October 8 to 14, 2005, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee extend the contract for the services of Joseph Culligan for the period of July 1 to December 31, 2005 for a total amount not to exceed \$ 47,321 to assist the Committee in its review of defence policy.

At 9:25 a.m. Mr. Bachand took the Chair.

At 9:31 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:37 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/23 2:57 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the certificate of nomination of Yves Côté to the position of Ombudsman which was referred to the Committee on May 30, 2005.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Odina Desrochers,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Gordon O'Connor
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Yves Côté.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(2).

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Yves Côté.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Anthony Rota, it was agreed, — That Mr. Cannis be elected Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the certificate of nomination of Yves Côté to the position of Ombudsman which was referred to the Committee on May 30, 2005.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:59 a.m. Mr. Casson took the Chair.

At 10:12 a.m. Mr. Cannis took the Chair.

At 10:22 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:29 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee postpone all domestic travel planned for the summer and confirm plans to travel to the United States in July.

At 10:54 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/07 3:27 p.m.

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Chair: John Cannis. Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, June 9, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Odina Desrochers,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Gordon O'Connor
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Marc J. Dumais, Deputy Chief, Defence Staff.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, June 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Marc J. Dumais, Deputy Chief, Defence Staff.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 9:40 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:14 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:37 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/10 10:10 a.m.

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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Rick Casson,
Odina Desrochers,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Judi Longfield,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Gordon O'Connor
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor,
and James Lunney for Dave MacKenzie.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

University of Ottawa:

Amy Awad, Foreign Policy Practicum, Faculty of Law;

Craig Forcese, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law;

Amy Groothuis, Foreign Policy Practicum, Faculty of Law;

Rachel Hird, Foreign Policy Practicum, Faculty of Law;

Maya Khakhamovitch, Foreign Policy Practicum, Faculty of Law;

Margot MacPherson Brewer, Foreign Policy Practicum, Faculty of Law;

Heather Watts, Foreign Policy Practicum, Faculty of Law.

Canada25:

David Eaves, Lead Author.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Vice-Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor and James Lunney for Dave MacKenzie.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: University of Ottawa: Amy Awad, Foreign Policy Practicum, Faculty of Law; Craig Forcese, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law; Amy Groothuis, Foreign Policy Practicum, Faculty of Law; Rachel Hird, Foreign Policy Practicum, Faculty of Law; Maya Khakhamovitch, Foreign Policy Practicum, Faculty of Law; Margot MacPherson Brewer, Foreign Policy Practicum, Faculty of Law; Heather Watts, Foreign Policy Practicum, Faculty of Law. *Canada25:* David Eaves, Lead Author.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Judi Longfield moved, — That the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs endorse the appointment of Mr. Yves Côté as Ombudsman for the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived.

At 11:06 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/20 3:07 p.m.

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Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 45

Thursday, June 16, 2005

IN CAMERA

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Meeting No. 45

Thursday, June 16, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Bill Blaikie, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Hon. David A. Anderson for Hon. Larry Bagnell and Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

In attendance: As an Individual: Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant. *Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 103,996, for the Committee's travel to Europe from October 8 to 14, 2005, and a budget in the amount of \$ 117,556, for the Committee's travel to the North of Canada from October 31 to November 4, 2005 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budgets to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee with the proviso that the Chair and Mr. Blaikie aggressively request more money for travel be allotted to the Committee as money is freed up from the third trimester of this year.

It was agreed, — That witnesses from the Department of National Defence and Veterans Affairs, be invited to appear Tuesday June 21, 2005 to provide the Committee with a briefing on the issue of Agent Orange, specifically what they are doing to identify people who were exposed to the chemical and all the locations where the chemical was used.

At 10:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/17 2:16 p.m.

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Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on Agent Orange.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Hon. Larry Bagnell
Hon. Bill Blaikie
John Cannis
Rick Casson
Odina Desrochers
Betty Hinton
Hon. Judi Longfield
Dave MacKenzie
Hon. Keith Martin
Gordon O'Connor
Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Stoffer
Greg Thompson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Karen Ellis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Infrastructure and
Environment
R.R. Romses, Commander, Land Force Atlantic Area.

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Bryson Guptill, Director, Program & Service Redesign
Modernization Task Force, Veterans Services Branch
Sandra Williamson, Acting Director, Program Policy Directorate,
Veterans Services Branch.

Ms. Ellis and Mr. Guptill made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Rick Casson.

Associate Members present: Peter Stoffer and Greg Thompson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Karen Ellis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Infrastructure and Environment; R.R. Romses, Commander, Land Force Atlantic Area. *Department of Veterans Affairs:* Bryson Guptill, Director, Program & Service Redesign Modernization Task Force, Veterans Services Branch; Sandra Williamson, Acting Director, Program Policy Directorate, Veterans Services Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Agent Orange.

Ms. Ellis and Mr. Guptill made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/21 3:51 p.m.

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Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, June 23, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Hon. Larry Bagnell
Hon. Bill Blaikie
John Cannis
Rick Casson
Odina Desrochers
Hon. Judi Longfield
Dave MacKenzie
Hon. Keith Martin
Gordon O'Connor
Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

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Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, June 23, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Hon. Larry Bagnell
Hon. Bill Blaikie
John Cannis
Rick Casson
Odina Desrochers
Hon. Judi Longfield
Dave MacKenzie
Hon. Keith Martin
Gordon O'Connor
Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

As Individual:

Wolf Koerner

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 47

Thursday, June 23, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

In attendance: As an Individual: Wolf Koerner. *Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit in public.

At 9:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/23 2:17 p.m.

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Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Hon. Judi Longfield, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor and Gilles-A. Perron for Odina Desrochers .

In attendance: As an Individual: Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant. *Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 117,474, for the Committee's travel to Europe from October 8 to 14, 2005 be adopted in accordance with the financial requirements adopted June 20, 2005 by the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee not hold a meeting on Tuesday October 4, 2005 but instead that the Clerk of the Committee make arrangements for all members of the Committee to attend a briefing on Afghanistan to be given to the Defence critics on that day at 4 p.m.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 72,318, for the Committee's travel to Edmonton, Yellowknife and Whitehorse from October 31 to November 4, 2005 be adopted in accordance with the financial requirements adopted June 20, 2005 by the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 25,008, for the Committee's travel to Fredericton, Gagetown and Halifax from November 28 to December 1, 2005 be adopted in accordance with the financial requirements adopted June 20, 2005 by the Liaison Committee.

At 5:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/09/28 4:20 p.m.

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Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Thursday, September 29, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Betty Hinton,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Gordon O'Connor
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Dave MacKenzie,
and Gilles-A. Perron for Odina Desrochers.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

MGen Walter J. Natynczyk, Chief, Canadian Forces
Transformation;

MGen Andrew B. Leslie, Director General, Strategic Planning.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 49

Thursday, September 29, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Dave MacKenzie and Gilles-A. Perron for Odina Desrochers.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: MGen Walter J. Natynczyk, Chief, Canadian Forces Transformation; MGen Andrew B. Leslie, Director General, Strategic Planning.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold a meeting Tuesday, October 4th, 2005, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to receive a briefing from the Minister's office on the situation in Afghanistan.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/03 10:33 a.m.

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Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

IN CAMERA

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Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Wajid Khan for Hon. Judi Longfield and Gilles-A. Perron for Odina Desrochers.

Associate Members present: Cheryl Gallant.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: BGen Mike J. Ward, Chief of Staff J3.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 4:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:23 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
 Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/06 8:16 a.m.

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Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, October 6, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Rick Casson,
Betty Hinton,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor,
Wajid Khan for Hon. Judi Longfield,
Gilles-A. Perron for Odina Desrochers,
and Russ Powers for John Cannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Dr. Kenneth J. Calder, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy;

RAdm Drew W. Robertson, Director General, International
Security Policy;

Vincent Rigby, Director General, Policy Planning.

Dr. Calder made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 51

Thursday, October 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rick Casson, Betty Hinton, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor, Wajid Khan for Hon. Judi Longfield, Gilles-A. Perron for Odina Desrochers and Russ Powers for John Cannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Dr. Kenneth J. Calder, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy; RAdm Drew W. Robertson, Director General, International Security Policy; Vincent Rigby, Director General, Policy Planning.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, the Committee within the terms of its mandated Defence Policy Review, concentrate its focus in a series of meetings on the Canadian Forces' procurement process.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

Dr. Calder made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/06 2:46 p.m.

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Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Thursday, October 20, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Wajid Khan,
Dave MacKenzie,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton,
and Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Hon. Keith Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant;

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Eric Lehre.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 52

Thursday, October 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Wajid Khan, Dave MacKenzie, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton and Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Hon. Keith Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Eric Lehre.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Anthony Rota, it was agreed, — That John Cannis be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Dave MacKenzie, it was agreed, — That Rick Casson be elected as first Vice-Chair of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Gilles-A. Perron, it was agreed, — That Claude Bachand be elected as second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/21 8:14 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its review of defence policy.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Wajid Khan,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colin Carrie for Gordon O'Connor,
and Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Queen's University:

Dr. Douglas L. Bland, Chair, Defence Management Studies
Program, School of Policy Studies.

As an Individual:

Col Howard Marsh, (retired).

Dr. Douglas L. Bland made a statement and, with Colonel Marsh, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:26 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Wajid Khan, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Colin Carrie for Gordon O'Connor and Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Queen's University: Dr. Douglas L. Bland, Chair, Defence Management Studies Program, School of Policy Studies. *As an Individual:* Col Howard Marsh, (retired).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

Dr. Douglas L. Bland made a statement and, with Colonel Marsh, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That a thank-you letter be sent to Ms. Crandall, previous Clerk of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That, in the opinion of the Subcommittee, the Committee should not seek authority to travel to the regions before the new year.

It was agreed, — That, in the opinion of the Subcommittee, the Committee should seek authority to travel to an overseas mission in the new year.

It was agreed, — That, in the opinion of the Subcommittee, the Committee should, at the discretion of the Chair, follow the plan for witnesses and hearings prepared by the analysts and the consultant.

It was agreed, — That the Committee should extend its sittings by an hour and sit from 10 a.m. for regular meetings.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/26 2:57 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Thursday, October 27, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its review of defence policy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
John Cannis,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton,
and Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Wajid Khan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Project Ploughshares:

Ernie Regehr, Senior Policy Advisor.

Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies:

David Rudd, President and Executive Director.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 54

Thursday, October 27, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, John Cannis, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton and Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Wajid Khan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Project Ploughshares: Ernie Regehr, Senior Policy Advisor. *Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies:* David Rudd, President and Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of review of defence policy.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/27 4:11 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
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Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its review of defence policy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Wajid Khan,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Defence Industries Association:

Timothy Page, President;

David Stapley, Executive Vice-President.

Aerospace Industries Association of Canada:

Peter Boag, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Ron Kane, Vice-President.

Timothy Page and Peter Boag made statements and, with David Stapley and Ron Kane, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Wajid Khan, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Canadian Defence Industries Association: Timothy Page, President; David Stapley, Executive Vice-President. *Aerospace Industries Association of Canada:* Peter Boag, President and Chief Executive Officer; Ron Kane, Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its review of defence policy.

Timothy Page and Peter Boag made statements and, with David Stapley and Ron Kane, answered questions.

At 12:10 p.m., Claude Bachand took the Chair.

At 12:20 p.m., John Cannis took the Chair.

At 12:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:52 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/01 4:29 p.m.

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Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 56

Thursday, November 3, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its review of defence policy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Wajid Khan,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

CARE Canada:

A. John Watson, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Council for International Cooperation:

Gerry Barr, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Red Cross:

Tetsuo Itani, Manager, Emergency Response Unit.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 56

Thursday, November 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 10:04 a.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Wajid Khan, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: CARE Canada: A. John Watson, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Council for International Cooperation:* Gerry Barr, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Red Cross:* Tetsuo Itani, Manager, Emergency Response Unit.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Rick Casson moved, — That the Committee schedule a meeting for the week of November 14 to examine and discuss the ongoing investigation into the use of Agent Orange and other defoliants on Canadian Forces bases.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 2.

At 10:46 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:55 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its review of defence policy.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
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2005/11/03 3:03 p.m.

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Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its review of defence policy.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Hon. Larry Bagnell
John Cannis
Rick Casson
Wajid Khan
Dave MacKenzie
Hon. Keith Martin
Gordon O'Connor
Gilles-A. Perron
Anthony Rota

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant

WITNESSES:

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Susan M.W. Cartwright, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs,
Security and Justice Sector

Larisa Galadza, Senior Analyst, International Affairs, Security and
Justice Sector, Foreign Affairs and Defence Division

Department of National Defence:

VAdm Bruce MacLean, Chief of Maritime Staff

Public Works and Government Services Canada:

Janet Thorsteinson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister,
Acquisitions Branch

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Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 10:06 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Wajid Khan, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Susan M.W. Cartwright, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Security and Justice Sector; Larisa Galadza, Senior Analyst, International Affairs, Security and Justice Sector, Foreign Affairs and Defence Division. *Department of National Defence:* VAdm Bruce MacLean, Chief of Maritime Staff. *Public Works and Government Services Canada:* Janet Thorsteinson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Acquisitions Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its review of defence policy.

Susan Cartwright and Janet Thorsteinson made statements and answered questions.

At 11:22 a.m., Rick Casson took the Chair.

At 11:37 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:45 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:45 a.m., John Cannis took the Chair.

VAdm MacLean made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 13:01 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed operational budget in the amount of \$12,400, for the study of Agent Orange be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/17 3:47 p.m.

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Chair: John Cannis. :Lib.

Meeting No. 58

Thursday, November 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its review of defence policy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Wajid Khan,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton,
and Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

BGen G.W. Nordick, Chief, Defence Intelligence.

*Country Indicators for Foreign Policy Project, Norman Paterson School
of International Affairs, Carleton University:*

David Carment, Professor.

University of Montréal:

Dr. Marie-Joëlle Zahar, Assistant Professor, Department of
Political Science.

Royal Military College of Canada:

Dr. Jane Boulden, Canada Research Chair in International
Relations and Security Studies, Department of Politics and
Economics.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 58

Thursday, November 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 10:03 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Wajid Khan, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton and Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: BGen G.W. Nordick, Chief, Defence Intelligence. *Country Indicators for Foreign Policy Project, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University:* David Carment, Professor. *University of Montréal:* Dr. Marie-Joëlle Zahar, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science. *Royal Military College of Canada:* Dr. Jane Boulden, Canada Research Chair in International Relations and Security Studies, Department of Politics and Economics.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Gilles-A. Perron, it was agreed, — That, once BGen Ward indicates that he has no objection, the proceedings on the briefing of Afghanistan in Meeting 50 be made public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its review of defence policy.

BGen Nordick made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:01, Rick Casson took the Chair.

At 11:29 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:38 a.m., the sitting resumed.

David Carment, Dr. Marie-Joëlle Zahar and Dr. Jane Boulden made statements and answered questions.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/17 3:30 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
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Chair: John Cannis. Lib.

Meeting No. 59

Thursday, November 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on Agent Orange.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Wajid Khan,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton,
and Greg Thompson for Gordon O'Connor.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Karen Ellis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Infrastructure and Environment.

Agent Orange Association of Canada:

Kenneth Dobbie, President.

As Individuals:

Wayne H. Cardinal;

Jody Carr;

John Chisholm;

Arthur Connolly;

Gloria Sellar.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 59

Thursday, November 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 4:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Hon. Bill Blaikie, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Wajid Khan, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton and Greg Thompson for Gordon O'Connor.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Karen Ellis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Infrastructure and Environment. *Agent Orange Association of Canada:* Kenneth Dobbie, President. *As Individuals:* Wayne H. Cardinal; Jody Carr; John Chisolm; Arthur Connolly; Gloria Sellar.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Agent Orange.

Karen Ellis made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:12 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Ken Dobbie, Jody Carr, John Chisolm, Wayne Cardinal, Gloria Sellar and Arthur Connolly made statements and answered questions.

At 8:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/17 9:47 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
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Chair: John Cannis, Lib.

Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its review of defence policy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Wajid Khan,
Dave MacKenzie,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colin Carrie for Gordon O'Connor,
and Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

As Individual:

Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

LGen J.H.P.M. Caron, Chief of the Land Staff;

VAdm J.C.J.Y. Forcier, Commander, Canada Command.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 10:04 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Larry Bagnell, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Wajid Khan, Dave MacKenzie, Hon. Keith Martin, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Colin Carrie for Gordon O'Connor and Cheryl Gallant for Betty Hinton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As an Individual:* Joseph P. Culligan, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: LGen J.H.P.M. Caron, Chief of the Land Staff; VAdm J.C.J.Y. Forcier, Commander, Canada Command.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 24, 2005, the Committee resumed its review of defence policy.

LGen Caron made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:41 a.m., the sitting resumed.

VAdm Forcier made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson, CPC.

Meeting No. 1

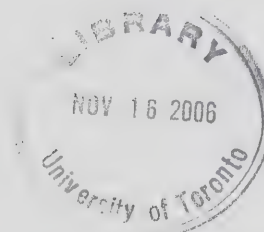
Tuesday, May 9, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Dawn Black
Robert Bouchard
Blaine Calkins
John Cannis
Rick Casson
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh
Cheryl Gallant
Laurie Hawn
Russ Hiebert
Wajid Khan
Hon. Joe McGuire



IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst

House of Commons:

Chad Mariage, Committee Clerk

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert, Wajid Khan and Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Chad Mariage, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Laurie Hawn, it was agreed, — That Rick Casson be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Wajid Khan, it was agreed, — That John Cannis be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Robert Bouchard, it was agreed, — That Claude Bachand be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Rick Casson took the Chair.

On motion of John Cannis, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

On motion of Claude Bachand, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

On motion of Laurie Hawn, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including one member of the opposition.

Claude Bachand moved, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee only documents that are available in both official languages.

Debate arose thereon.

Cheryl Gallant moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words “official languages” the following: “and that the Clerk inform members when witnesses have documents available in only one language”.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

On motion of Laurie Hawn, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make

the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

On motion of Dawn Black, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two representative per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

Wajid Khan moved, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting.

Debate arose thereon.

Russ Hiebert moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “meeting” the following: “and that one staff person of an absent member's staff be permitted to attend *in camera* proceedings”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Russ Hiebert and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

On motion of Dawn Black, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Joe McGuire, it was agreed, — That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the substantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages.

On motion of Blaine Calkins, it was agreed, — That witnesses be given, at the discretion of the chair, ten minutes to make their opening statement; That during the questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be as follows: on the first round of questioning, seven minutes to a representative of each party in the following order: Liberal, Bloc Québécois, NDP and Conservative; on the following rounds of questioning, five minutes per party beginning with the Liberal, the Conservative, the Bloc Québécois, the Conservative, the Liberal, the Conservative and the Liberal, and in a third round the order would be the same as in the second round with the NDP being able to ask questions at the end of the round; and that when a minister is in attendance in the first round of questioning ten be allocated to each of the opposition parties and ten minutes to the Conservative party, and in a second round five minutes to each party in the following order: Liberal, Conservative, Bloc Québécois, Conservative, Liberal, Conservative and Liberal, and in a third round the order would be the same as in the second round with NDP being able to ask questions at the end of the round.

Dawn Black moved, — That the Committee invite the former Minister of National Defence, Bill Graham, and the current Minister of National Defence, Gordon O'Connor, to appear before the Committee to answer questions regarding Canada's role in Afghanistan.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

On motion of John Cannis, it was agreed, — That the Committee have its meetings in Room 362 of the East Block in preference to any other room.

At 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/11 10:30 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert,
Wajid Khan
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean-Claude D'Amours for John Cannis,
Tina Keeper for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
and Mario Laframboise for Claude Bachand.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
James Cox, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert, Wajid Khan and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Jean-Claude D'Amours for John Cannis, Tina Keeper for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh and Mario Laframboise for Claude Bachand.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; James Cox, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit in public.

At 3:42 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:43 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Robert Bouchard moved, — That the Committee examine the various aspects of the mission of Canadian troops in Afghanistan, such as its duration, the state of the personnel and materiel, the relationship between the mission's combat operations and its efforts to help reconstruct the country, and the criteria for assessing its effectiveness, with a view to determining whether it is possible to complete the mission successfully while still meeting Canada's other international obligations.

Dawn Black moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the following: “, and that the committee will submit recommendations in a report to the House based upon its examination”.

Laurie Hawn moved, — That the amendment be modified by replacing the word “will” with the word “may”.

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Laurie Hawn and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

The question was put on the amendment of Dawn Black and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera* .

At 4:11 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:12 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows, be concurred in:

In accordance with its mandate pursuant to Order made May 9, 2006, your Subcommittee has considered the question of the future business of the Committee.

The Subcommittee recommends that the Committee undertake studies of the following with priority given as suggested by their order:

Canadian Forces (CF) in Afghanistan;

the situation of the CF vis-à-vis Darfur;

CF recruitment and retention;

quality of life for members of the CF and their families;

departmental and CF infrastructure;

procurement policy and process; and

force transformation.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings (*Meeting No. 1*) is tabled.

It was agreed, — That the Committee travel to the National Defence Headquarters and Canadian Expeditionary Force Command Headquarters in relation to its study on Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

It was agreed, — That the Committee travel to Afghanistan in relation to its study on Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of National Defence be invited to appear in relation to Canadian Forces in Afghanistan, accompanied by the Chief of Defence Staff and the Assistant Deputy Minister, International Security Branch, and followed by the Commander of Canadian Expeditionary Force Command, the Commander of Canadian Operational Support Command, the Commander of 2nd Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group and the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment.

At 4:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/08 1:00 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson, CPC.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dawn Black
Robert Bouchard
Blaine Calkins
Rick Casson
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh
Cheryl Gallant
Laurie Hawn
Russ Hiebert
Wajid Khan
Hon. Joe McGuire

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meili Faille for Claude Bachand
Hon. Judy Sgro for John Cannis

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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:28 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert, Wajid Khan and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Meili Faille for Claude Bachand and Hon. Judy Sgro for John Cannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Dan Murphy, Director of Staff - Strategic Joint Staff ; Vincent Rigby, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

Gordon O'Connor made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:45 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Wajid Khan, it was agreed, — That the Minister be invited to appear before the Committee at its next meeting on Thursday, June 1st, or as soon as possible prior to the upcoming NATO Defence Ministers' meeting.

At 4:54 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the Parliamentary State Secretary to the Minister of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany be invited to meet with the Committee on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, immediately following the appearance of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst

APPEARING:

Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:
Dan Murphy, Director of Staff - Strategic Joint Staff
Vincent Rigby, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy)

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from Germany.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Dawn Black
Robert Bouchard
Blaine Calkins
Rick Casson
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh
Cheryl Gallant
Laurie Hawn
Russ Hiebert
Wajid Khan

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Joe McGuire
Marcel Proulx for John Cannis

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst

APPEARING:

Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Foreign Affairs):
Wendy Gilmour, Deputy Director.

Department of Foreign Affairs:
James Fox, Director General.

As an Individual:
Christian Schmidt, Parliamentary State Secretary to the German
Federal Minister of Defence.

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany:
Sabine Sparwasser, Chargé d'affaires.

Christian Schmidt made a statement and, with Sabine Sparwasser, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Wajid Khan.

Acting Members present: Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Joe McGuire and Marcel Proulx for John Cannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Foreign Affairs): Wendy Gilmour, Deputy Director. *Department of Foreign Affairs:* James Fox, Director General. *As an individual:* Christian Schmidt, Parliamentary State Secretary to the German Federal Minister of Defence. *Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany:* Sabine Sparwasser, Chargé d'affaires.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:38 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:44 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from Germany.

Christian Schmidt made a statement and, with Sabine Sparwasser, answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/07 11:25 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, June 8, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Christopherson for Dawn Black,
and Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Christopherson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Allison Goody, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council for International Cooperation:

Gerry Barr, President - Chief Executive Officer.

CARE Canada:

Kevin McCort, Senior Vice-President, Operations.

Canadian Council for International Cooperation:

Erin Simpson, Policy Officer (peace and conflict), Peace, Security and Development.

Polaris Institute:

Steven Staples, Director, Security Programs.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, June 8, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: David Christopherson for Dawn Black and Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

Other Members present: David Christopherson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Allison Goody, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Council for International Cooperation: Gerry Barr, President - Chief Executive Officer. *CARE Canada:* Kevin McCort, Senior Vice-President, Operations. *Canadian Council for International Cooperation:* Erin Simpson, Policy Officer (peace and conflict), Peace, Security and Development. *Polaris Institute:* Steven Staples, Director, Security Programs.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Joe McGuire, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget to support the Committee's study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan in the amount of \$19,750, for the period of May 16 to October 31, 2006, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

On motion of Russ Hiebert, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to the motion adopted Tuesday, May 16, 2006, and in relation to its study on the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan, the Standing Committee on National Defence travel to National Defence Headquarters on June 15, 2006, and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

Steven Staples, Kevin McCort and Gerry Barr made statements and, with Erin Simpson, answered questions.

Claude Bachand took the Chair.

Cheryl Gallant moved, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 3.

At 4:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/09 9:59 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert,
Wajid Khan
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
Allison Goody, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Réseau francophone de recherche sur les opérations de paix:

Marc André Boivin, Coordinator.

Université du Québec à Montréal:

Justin Massie, Research Associate , Chaire de recherche du Canada
en politiques étrangère et de défense canadiennes.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert, Wajid Khan and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Allison Goody, Analyst.

Witnesses: Réseau francophone de recherche sur les opérations de paix: Marc André Boivin, Coordinator. *Université du Québec à Montréal:* Justin Massie, Research Associate, Chaire de recherche du Canada en politiques étrangère et de défense canadiennes.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Dawn Black moved, — That the Chair accept no dilatory motions while the Committee is hearing witnesses.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Dawn Black moved, — That the Committee apologize to Gerry Barr, President - Chief Executive Officer, and Erin Simpson, Policy Officer, of the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, Kevin McCort, Senior Vice-President of CARE Canada and Steven Staples, Director, Security Programs of the Polaris Institute, for the behaviour of Conservative members of the Committee on June 8, 2006.

RULING BY THE CHAIR

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible as it reflected on a previous decision of the Committee.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/16 6:06 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 8:36 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Rodger Cuzner for Wajid Khan and Hon. John McCallum for John Cannis.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget to support the Committee's travel as part of its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan in the amount of \$155,977 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to the motion adopted Tuesday, May 16, 2006, and in relation to its study on the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan, the Standing Committee on National Defence travel to Afghanistan in September or October 2006; that the said Committee be composed of three Conservative members, one Bloc Québécois member, one NDP member and three Liberal members; and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, after consultation with the vice-chairs and critics, be authorized to finalize and to approve the itinerary for the trip to Afghanistan.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be authorized to arrange for receptions as appropriate in Kandahar and Kabul, and that the total cost of such hospitality not exceed \$800.

At 9:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/20 10:11 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rodger Cuzner for John Cannis,
and Paul Steckle for Wajid Khan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

MGen Stuart Beare, Commander , Land Force Doctrine and
Training System.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:53 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Rodger Cuzner for John Cannis and Paul Steckle for Wajid Khan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: MGen Stuart Beare, Commander, Land Force Doctrine and Training System.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:21 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Dawn Black, it was agreed, — That the Committee apologize to Gerry Barr, President - Chief Executive Officer, and Erin Simpson, Policy Officer, of the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, Kevin McCort, Senior Vice-President of CARE Canada and Steven Staples, Director, Security Programs of the Polaris Institute, for the behaviour of Conservative members of the Committee on June 8, 2006.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the draft of the letter from the Chair to the witnesses of June 8 be amended by adding an offer of an opportunity to finish their testimony and that it be sent to them.

At 5:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 9

Monday, September 18, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Judy Sgro for Wajid Khan,
and Alan Tonks for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Monday, September 18, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 3:47 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Judy Sgro for Wajid Khan and Alan Tonks for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Minister of National Defence be invited to appear before the Standing Committee on National Defence prior to the upcoming NATO Defence Ministers' meeting to answer questions about his recent travel in Afghanistan and developments in Canada's mission there.

It was agreed, — That the motion on Committee travel to Afghanistan of Tuesday, June 20, 2006, be amended by the deletion of the words "in September or October, 2006".

It was agreed, — That the Committee present an interim report on the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

ORDERED, — That the Clerk prepare for the consideration of the Committee plans for travel to National Defence Headquarters, Canadian Expeditionary Force Headquarters, Petawawa, Edmonton and Gatetown.

At 4:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/19 6:03 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
John Cannis,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Conference of Defence Associations:

LGen Richard J. Evraire, (Retired), Chairman;
Col Brian S. MacDonald, (Retired), Senior Defence Analyst.

Royal Military College of Canada:

Dr. Sean Maloney, Associate Professor of History.

LGen Evraire and Dr. Maloney made statements and, with Col MacDonald, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, John Cannis, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Conference of Defence Associations: LGen Richard J. Evraire, (Retired), Chairman; Col Brian S. MacDonald, (Retired), Senior Defence Analyst. *Royal Military College of Canada:* Dr. Sean Maloney, Associate Professor of History.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, the question: "That the Committee request that the Minister of National Defence reconsider declining the Committee's invitation to appear prior to the next meeting of NATO defence ministers' on September 28, and that the Chair write to the Minister to communicate informally the Committee's view of the importance of his appearing before the said meeting" was put and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 0.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

LGen Evraire and Dr. Maloney made statements and, with Col MacDonald, answered questions.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/21 2:20 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 11

Monday, September 25, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Andy Scott for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

James Cox, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Chad Mariage, Committee Clerk.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Monday, September 25, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Hon. Andy Scott for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; James Cox, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Chad Mariage, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Cheryl Gallant, it was agreed, — That Rick Casson be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Ujjal Dosanjh, it was agreed, — That John Cannis be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Robert Bouchard, it was agreed, — That Claude Bachand be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Rick Casson took the Chair.

At 3:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/26 9:16 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 12

Monday, September 25, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Andy Scott for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of Calgary:

David Bercuson, Professor, Director of the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies.

Queen's University:

Douglas L. Bland, Chair, Defence Management Studies Program, School of Policy Studies.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Monday, September 25, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met by videoconference (Calgary) at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Hon. Andy Scott for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Calgary: David Bercuson, Professor, Director of the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies. *Queen's University:* Douglas L. Bland, Chair, Defence Management Studies Program, School of Policy Studies.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/26 9:45 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra for John Cannis,
Robert Carrier for Claude Bachand,
David Christopherson for Dawn Black,
and Hon. Shawn Murphy for Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

LGen Michael Jeffery, (retired), former Chief of the Land Staff
(2000-2003).

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Omar Alghabra for John Cannis, Robert Carrier for Claude Bachand, David Christopherson for Dawn Black and Hon. Shawn Murphy for Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: LGen Michael Jeffery, (retired), former Chief of the Land Staff (2000-2003).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:01 pm, the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budgets to support the Committee's travel to Petawawa, Edmonton and CFB Gagetown as part of its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan in the amounts of \$5,731, \$54,893 and \$34,412 respectively be adopted and that the Chair present the said budgets to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to the motion adopted Tuesday, May 16, 2006, and in relation to its study on the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan, the Standing Committee on National Defence travel to Petawawa, Edmonton and CFB Gagetown for site visits in October and November 2006; that the travelling component of the said Committee be composed of four Conservative members, three Liberal members, two Bloc Québécois member and one NDP member; and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, after consultation with the vice-chairs and critics, be authorized to finalize and to approve the itineraries for the Committee's trips to Petawawa, Edmonton and CFB Gagetown.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be authorized to arrange for hospitality as appropriate in Petawawa, Edmonton and CFB Gagetown, and that the total cost of such hospitality not exceed \$1,800.

At 5:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/28 10:45 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, October 4, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Christopherson for Dawn Black.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

MGen Daniel Benjamin, Commander, Canadian Operational
Support Command;
Col Jocelyn Cousineau, Operational Support J5.

MGen Daniel Benjamin made a statement and, with Col Jocelyn Cousineau, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, October 4, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: David Christopherson for Dawn Black.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: MGen Daniel Benjamin, Commander, Canadian Operational Support Command; Col Jocelyn Cousineau, Operational Support J5.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MGen Daniel Benjamin made a statement and, with Col Jocelyn Cousineau, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Claude Bachand moved, — That the Department of National Defence be requested to report weekly to the House of Commons Standing Committee on National Defence on the status and progress of Canada's involvement in Afghanistan until further notice.

Debate arose thereon.

John Cannis moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word “weekly” with the word “bi-weekly”.

Debate arose thereon.

Russ Hiebert moved, — That the amendment be amended by replacing the word “bi-weekly” with the word “regularly”.

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Russ Hiebert and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 6.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John Cannis and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

At 5:22pm, the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows, be concurred in:

In accordance with its mandate pursuant to Order made May 9, 2006, your Subcommittee has considered the question of the future business of the Committee.

The Subcommittee recommends that, in the context of its study of the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan, the Committee:

Request from the Department of National Defence (DND) witnesses who can speak to issues of the morale and general condition of the troops, health services planning and provision, and of their impact;

Invite the minister responsible for CIDA to appear;

Invite the Minister of Foreign Affairs to appear to explain the government's view of Pakistan vis-à-vis the mission;

Hear witnesses concerning any agreement allowing the transfer of prisoners taken in theatre from Canadian custody to any other; and

Invite representatives of the Senlis Council to appear during their visit to Ottawa in late October.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings (Meeting No. 2) is tabled.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/05 5:22 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 15

Monday, October 16, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Allison for Russ Hiebert,
and Penny Priddy for Dawn Black.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Standing Committee on National Defence:
Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin, Clerk of the Committee.

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Monday, October 16, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Dean Allison for Russ Hiebert and Penny Priddy for Dawn Black.

Other Participants present: Standing Committee on National Defence: Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin, Clerk of the Committee. *Library of Parliament:* James Cox, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, in relation to its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan and pursuant to the motions adopted Monday, September 27, 2006, the Committee travel to Petawawa, Ontario, on Tuesday, October 24, 2006.

It was agreed, — That, in relation to its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan and pursuant to the motions adopted Monday, September 27, 2006, the Committee travel to Edmonton, Alberta, for Thursday, November 9, 2006.

At 4:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/16 5:07 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Dan McTeague.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

James Cox, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Gen R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff;
Ward P.D. Elcock, Deputy Minister.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Associate Members present: Hon. Dan McTeague.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; James Cox, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Gen R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff; Ward P.D. Elcock, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

Gordon O'Connor made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/18 6:10 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 17

Monday, October 23, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lui Temelkovski for John Cannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Col M.D. Capstick, former Commander, Strategic Advisory Team
- Afghanistan .

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Monday, October 23, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Lui Temelkovski for John Cannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Col M.D. Capstick, former Commander, Strategic Advisory Team - Afghanistan .

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/23 6:10 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 18

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

The Senlis Council:

Norine MacDonald, President and Founder;
Emmanuel Reinert, Executive Director.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: The Senlis Council: Norine MacDonald, President and Founder; Emmanuel Reinert, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

Norine MacDonald made a statement and, with Emmanuel Reinert, answered questions.

On motion of Laurie Hawn, it was agreed, — That the Clerk arrange the appearance of the diplomats and witnesses proposed in the briefing note of October 25 in relation to the Committee's study of the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan at their earliest convenience.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/26 1:13 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 19

Monday, October 30, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status and progress of Canadian involvement in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn
and Russ Hiebert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alan Tonks for Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

BGen A. J. Howard, Director General, Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Monday, October 30, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn and Russ Hiebert.

Acting Members present: Alan Tonks for Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: BGen A. J. Howard, Director General, Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status and progress of Canadian involvement in Afghanistan.

BGen Howard made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/31 10:07 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Storseth for Laurie Hawn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Brian Storseth for Laurie Hawn.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Third Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows, be concurred in:

The Subcommittee recommends that, in the context of its study of the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan, the Committee:

Travel to Afghanistan as agreed to by this Subcommittee;

Require that the services of qualified interpreters be available to members during such travel; and

Devote one meeting to the status of women of Afghanistan.

The Subcommittee further recommends that, in the context of briefings on the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan, the Committee:

Request that the briefer's time before the Committee be extended to 45 minutes; and

Request that more of the briefing session time be allocated to questioning.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings (*Meeting No. 3*) is tabled.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet with the delegation of the Portfolio Committee on Defence from the Parliament of South Africa on November 6, 2006, at 3:30 p.m.

At 4:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/15 1:49 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 21

Monday, November 6, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 1st, 2006, the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from South Africa.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Andy Scott for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst.

Parliament of South Africa:

Ernest T. Lourens, Committee Secretary.

WITNESSES:

Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands:

His Excellency Karel P. M. de Beer, Ambassador.

Embassy of the Republic of Romania:

Her Excellency Elena Sava Stefoi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

DELEGATION:

Parliament of South Africa:

Thandi Vivian Tobias, M.P., Chairperson, Portfolio Committee on Defence;

Oupa Ephraim Monareng, M.P., Portfolio Committee on Defence;

Velaphi Bethuel Ndlovu, M. P. , Portfolio Committee on Defence;

Somangamane Benjamin Ntuli, M.P., Portfolio Committee on Defence.

Elena Sava Stefoi made a statement and answered questions.

Karel P. M. de Beer made a statement and answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 21

Monday, November 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Hon. Andy Scott for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst. *Parliament of South Africa:* Ernest T. Lourens, Committee Secretary.

Witnesses: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands: His Excellency Karel P. M. de Beer, Ambassador. *Embassy of the Republic of Romania:* Her Excellency Elena Sava Stefoi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Delegation: Parliament of South Africa: Thandi Vivian Tobias, M.P., Chairperson, Portfolio Committee on Defence; Oupa Ephraim Monareng, M.P., Portfolio Committee on Defence; Velaphi Bethuel Ndlovu, M. P. , Portfolio Committee on Defence; Somangamane Benjamin Ntuli, M.P., Portfolio Committee on Defence.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 1st, 2006, the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from South Africa.

The delegates made statements and answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:38 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

Elena Sava Stefoi made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:13 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Karel P. M. de Beer made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/07 2:22 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Blaine Calkins,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

LGen J.C.M. Gauthier, Commander , Canadian Expeditionary
Force Command.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: LGen J.C.M. Gauthier, Commander , Canadian Expeditionary Force Command.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/08 6:19 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 23

Monday, November 20, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status and progress of Canadian involvement in Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

LGen Andrew B. Leslie, Chief of the Land Staff;

BGen A. J. Howard, Director General, Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 23

Monday, November 20, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: LGen Andrew B. Leslie, Chief of the Land Staff; BGen A. J. Howard, Director General, Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status and progress of Canadian involvement in Afghanistan.

BGen Howard made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:17 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

LGen Leslie made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/20 6:34 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, November 22, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

VAdm Drew W. Robertson, Chief of the Maritime Staff;
LGen J. S. Lucas, Chief of the Air Staff.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Mr. Randolph Mank, Director General, Asia South and Pacific
Bureau.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, November 22, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:52 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: VAdm Drew W. Robertson, Chief of the Maritime Staff; LGen J. S. Lucas, Chief of the Air Staff. *Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Mr. Randolph Mank, Director General, Asia South and Pacific Bureau.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Minister made a statement and, with Randolph Mank, answered questions.

At 5:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:10 p.m., the sitting resumed.

VAdm Robertson and LGen Lucas made statements and answered questions.

At 6:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/22 6:55 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 25

Monday, November 27, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Christopherson for Dawn Black.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Cmdre M. F. Kavanagh, Commander of Canadian Forces Health
Services Group and Director General of Health Services;
BGen Hilary Jaeger, Canadian Forces Surgeon General.

Australian High Commission:

Lieutenant-Colonel Lyndon Anderson, Military Attaché;
His Excellency William Fisher, High Commissioner.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Monday, November 27, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: David Christopherson for Dawn Black.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Cmdre M. F. Kavanagh, Commander of Canadian Forces Health Services Group and Director General of Health Services; BGen Hilary Jaeger, Canadian Forces Surgeon General. *Australian High Commission:* Lieutenant-Colonel Lyndon Anderson, Military Attaché; His Excellency William Fisher, High Commissioner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

Cmdre Kavanagh and BGen Jaeger made statements and answered questions.

At 5:22, the sitting was suspended.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

The Australian High Commissioner made a statement and, with Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson, answered questions.

At 6:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/28 2:08 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 26

Monday, December 4, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status and progress of Canadian involvement in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant
and Laurie Hawn.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht for Steven Blaney,
and Rick Norlock for Russ Hiebert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of National Defence:

BGen A. J. Howard, Director General, Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Monday, December 4, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant and Laurie Hawn.

Acting Members present: Harold Albrecht for Steven Blaney and Rick Norlock for Russ Hiebert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Participants present: Department of National Defence: BGen A. J. Howard, Director General, Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status and progress of Canadian involvement in Afghanistan.

BGen Howard made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/04 5:25 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Participants present: Department of National Defence: senior officials.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The participants made statements and answered questions.

At 4:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/06 5:43 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 28

Monday, December 11, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn
and Russ Hiebert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois for Claude Bachand,
and Serge Cardin for Robert Bouchard.

WITNESSES:

University of British Columbia:

Michael Byers, Professor and Canada Research Chair (Tier One) in
Global Politics and International Law.

Department of National Defence:

Col G. Herfst, Deputy Judge Advocate General Operations.

Amnesty International Canada:

Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking Section.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Sabine Nölke, Deputy Director, United Nations, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Section, Bureau of Legal Affairs.

Department of National Defence:

Vincent Rigby, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy).

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Colleen Swords, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Security Branch and Political Director.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Monday, December 11, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, Acting Chair, Russ Hiebert, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn and Russ Hiebert.

Acting Members present: Diane Bourgeois for Claude Bachand and Serge Cardin for Robert Bouchard.

Witnesses: *University of British Columbia:* Michael Byers, Professor and Canada Research Chair (Tier One) in Global Politics and International Law. *Department of National Defence:* Col G. Herfst, Deputy Judge Advocate General Operations. *Amnesty International Canada:* Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking Section. *Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Sabine Nölke, Deputy Director, United Nations, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Section, Bureau of Legal Affairs. *Department of National Defence:* Vincent Rigby, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy). *Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Colleen Swords, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Security Branch and Political Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

On motion of Ujjal Dosanjh, it was agreed, — That Russ Hiebert be elected acting Chair for this meeting.

Colleen Swords and Vincent Rigby made statements and, with Sabine Nölke and Col Herfst, answered questions.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Michael Byers and Alex Neve made statements and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/12 11:30 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois for Claude Bachand,
and Wajid Khan for John Cannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of International Cooperation.

WITNESSES:

Canadian International Development Agency:

Robert Greenhill, President;

Philip Baker, Director General, Afghanistan Division.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Diane Bourgeois for Claude Bachand and Wajid Khan for John Cannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of International Cooperation.

Witnesses: Canadian International Development Agency: Robert Greenhill, President; Philip Baker, Director General, Afghanistan Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Minister made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:06 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/12 11:31 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant
and Russ Hiebert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn,
Hon. Denis Coderre for Hon. Joe McGuire,
and Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant and Russ Hiebert.

Acting Members present: Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn, Hon. Denis Coderre for Hon. Joe McGuire and Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the fourth report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows, be concurred in:

In accordance with its mandate pursuant to Order made May 9, 2006, your Subcommittee has considered the question of the future business of the Committee.

Notwithstanding the Committee's concurrence in the first report of its Subcommittee on May 16, 2006, the Subcommittee recommends that the Committee undertake studies of the following with priority given as suggested by their order:

procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements;

continental defence in the context of the evolving relationship between NORAD, NORTHCOM and Canada Command; and

quality of life for members of the Canadian Forces and their families.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings (Meeting No. 4) is tabled.

It was agreed, — That a total of eight meetings be allocated to the study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

At 4:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/14 10:47 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, January 30, 2007



ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant
and Russ Hiebert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Joe McGuire,
and Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Rights and Democracy:

Ariane Brunet, Coordinator, Women's Rights.

Afghan Women's Organization:

Adeena Niazi, Director.

Open Society Institute:

Rina Amiri, Lead Consultant for Afghanistan and Regional Matters.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant and Russ Hiebert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Joe McGuire and Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Rights and Democracy: Ariane Brunet, Coordinator, Women's Rights. *Afghan Women's Organization:* Adeena Niazi, Director. *Open Society Institute:* Rina Amiri, Lead Consultant for Afghanistan and Regional Matters.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:06 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, February 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Russ Hiebert,
Hon. Keith Martin
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 32

Thursday, February 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert, Hon. Keith Martin and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Industry and the Minister of Public Works and Government Services be invited to appear in relation to the procurement process study.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the study plan prepared by the analysts.

It was agreed, — That the meetings where a minister appears be televised.

It was agreed, — That Chris Alexander and James Appathurai be invited to brief the Committee on the UN and NATO missions in Afghanistan, and that the meeting be televised.

It was agreed, — That, should Alan Williams appear in relation to the study of procurement and associated processes, the meeting be televised.

It was agreed, — That the frequency of the reports to the Committee on the status and progress of Canada's involvement in Afghanistan requested in the motion adopted Wednesday, October 4, 2006, be changed from bi-weekly to monthly.

At 10:06 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

John Cannis moved, — That Mr. Wajid Khan, M.P., be invited to appear before the Committee to speak on his work as the Special Advisor to the Prime Minister on South Asia and the Middle East.

Debate arose thereon.

Keith Martin moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words “Middle East” the following: “and that Mr. Khan be requested to bring with him to the Committee all of his reports done to date on this issue, in both official languages”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Keith Martin and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: John Cannis, Denis Coderre, Keith Martin, Joe McGuire — 4; NAYS: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Blaine Calkins, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert — 7.

At 10:27 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/02 11:34 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Russ Hiebert,
Hon. Keith Martin
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;

Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Ward P.D. Elcock, Deputy Minister;

Gen R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert, Hon. Keith Martin and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Ward P.D. Elcock, Deputy Minister; Gen R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

The Minister made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/07 10:08 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, February 8, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Russ Hiebert,
Hon. Keith Martin
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Dan Ross, Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel);
MGen M.J. Ward, Chief of Force Development;
MGen J.D.A. Hincke, Chief of Programs.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, February 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert, Hon. Keith Martin and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Dan Ross, Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel); MGen M.J. Ward, Chief of Force Development; MGen J.D.A. Hincke, Chief of Programs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget to support the Committee's study of the procurement process, including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements in the amount of \$19,400, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/09 9:22 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Conference of Defence Associations Institute:

Gen Paul Manson, (Retired), President.

As an Individual:

LGen George Macdonald, (Retired), Former Vice Chief of the Defence Staff.

Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association of Canada:

Gilles Dupont, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Aerospace Industries Association of Canada:

Ron Kane, Vice-President, Defence and Space.

Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries:

Timothy Page, President.

General (Retired) Manson and Lieutenant-General (Retired) Macdonald made statements and answered questions.

Ron Kane, Gilles Dupont and Timothy Page made statements and answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Other Members present: Blaine Calkins.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Conference of Defence Associations Institute: Gen Paul Manson, (Retired), President. *As an individual:* LGen George Macdonald, (Retired), Former Vice Chief of the Defence Staff. *Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association of Canada:* Gilles Dupont, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. *Aerospace Industries Association of Canada:* Ron Kane, Vice-President, Defence and Space. *Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries:* Timothy Page, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

General (Retired) Manson and Lieutenant-General (Retired) Macdonald made statements and answered questions.

At 10:02 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:07 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Ron Kane, Gilles Dupont and Timothy Page made statements and answered questions.

At 11:06 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/13 3:07 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, February 15, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Russ Hiebert,
Hon. Keith Martin
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:
LGen J. S. Lucas, Chief of the Air Staff;
Col D. C. Burt, Director Air Requirements.

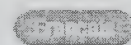
Public Works and Government Services Canada:

Terry Williston, Director General, Land, Aerospace and Marine
Systems and Major Projects Sector;

Len Bradshaw, Director, Airlift Capabilities Projects.

Lieutenant-General Lucas made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, February 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert, Hon. Keith Martin and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: LGen J. S. Lucas, Chief of the Air Staff; Col D. C. Burt, Director Air Requirements. *Public Works and Government Services Canada:* Terry Williston, Director General, Land, Aerospace and Marine Systems and Major Projects Sector; Len Bradshaw, Director, Airlift Capabilities Projects.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

Lieutenant-General Lucas made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/15 11:58 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn,
and Paul Crête for Claude Bachand.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Michael M. Fortier, Minister of Public Works and Government Services.

WITNESSES:

Public Works and Government Services Canada:

David Marshall, Deputy Minister;

Terry Williston, Director General, Land, Aerospace and Marine Systems and Major Projects Sector.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met in a televised session at 8:03 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn and Paul Crête for Claude Bachand.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Michael M. Fortier, Minister of Public Works and Government Services.

Witnesses: Public Works and Government Services Canada: David Marshall, Deputy Minister; Terry Williston, Director General, Land, Aerospace and Marine Systems and Major Projects Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

The Minister made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/20 11:14 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Vice-Chair: John Cannis.

Meeting No. 38

Thursday, February 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
John Cannis,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Russ Hiebert,
Hon. Keith Martin
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Nadeau for Robert Bouchard.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

VAdm D. W. Robertson, Chief of the Maritime Staff;
LGen A. B. Leslie, Chief of the Land Staff;
Cmdre R.W. Greenwood, Director General Maritime Equipment
Program Management;
Col J. F. Riffou, Director Land Requirements;
CWO G. R. Lacroix, Land Forces Chief Warrant Officer.

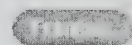
Public Works and Government Services Canada:

Terry Williston, Director General, Land, Aerospace and Marine
Systems and Major Projects Sector;
Edward Lam, Director, Joint Support Ship Project;
Johanne Provencher, Senior Director, Major Projects Directorate.

Vice-Admiral Robertson made a statement and, with Commodore Greenwood, Terry Williston and Edward Lam, answered questions.

Lieutenant-General Leslie made a statement and, with Colonel Riffou, Chief Warrant Officer Lacroix, Terry Williston and Johanne Provencher, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 38

Thursday, February 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, John Cannis, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert, Hon. Keith Martin and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Richard Nadeau for Robert Bouchard.

Other Members present: Blaine Calkins.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: VAdm D. W. Robertson, Chief of the Maritime Staff; LGen A. B. Leslie, Chief of the Land Staff; Cmdre R.W. Greenwood, Director General Maritime Equipment Program Management; Col J. F. Riffou, Director Land Requirements; CWO G. R. Lacroix, Land Forces Chief Warrant Officer. *Public Works and Government Services Canada:* Terry Williston, Director General, Land, Aerospace and Marine Systems and Major Projects Sector; Edward Lam, Director, Joint Support Ship Project; Johanne Provencher, Senior Director, Major Projects Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

Denis Coderre moved, — That the Auditor General of Canada be invited to appear in relation to the study of procurement and related processes.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Vice-Admiral Robertson made a statement and, with Commodore Greenwood, Terry Williston and Edward Lam, answered questions.

At 10:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:09 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Lieutenant-General Leslie made a statement and, with Colonel Riffou, Chief Warrant Officer Lacroix, Terry Williston and Johanne Provencher, answered questions.

On motion of Dawn Black, it was agreed, — That Philip E. Coyle be invited to appear in relation to the study of procurement and related processes .

At 11:11 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/22 1:31 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on the missions of the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Russ Hiebert,
Hon. Keith Martin
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Scott Brison for John Cannis,
Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn,
and Pauline Picard for Robert Bouchard.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Crête.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Maxime Bernier, Minister of Industry.

WITNESSES:

Department of Industry:
Richard Dicerni, Deputy Minister;
Tom Wright, Assistant Deputy Minister, Industry Sector.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

North Atlantic Treaty Organization:
James Appathurai, Spokesman, NATO International Staff.

United Nations:
Christopher Alexander, Deputy Special Representative of the
Secretary General for Afghanistan.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met in a televised session at 8:04 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert, Hon. Keith Martin and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Hon. Scott Brison for John Cannis, Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn and Pauline Picard for Robert Bouchard.

Other Members present: Paul Crête.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Maxime Bernier, Minister of Industry.

Witnesses: Department of Industry: Richard Dicerni, Deputy Minister; Tom Wright, Assistant Deputy Minister, Industry Sector.

Participants present: North Atlantic Treaty Organization: James Appathurai, Spokesman, NATO International Staff. *United Nations:* Christopher Alexander, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General for Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

The Minister made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:34 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:39 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 10:02 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:16 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to sit in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the missions of the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Afghanistan.

The participants made statements and answered questions.

At 11:39 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/28 9:12 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, March 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Keith Martin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn,
and Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;

Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Queen's University:

Douglas L. Bland, Chair, Defence Management Studies Program,
School of Policy Studies.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Wendy Loschiuk, Principal;
Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General.

As an Individual:

Alan Williams, former Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel).

Douglas Bland and Alan Williams made statements and answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, March 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met in a televised session at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Keith Martin.

Acting Members present: Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn and Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: Queen's University: Douglas L. Bland, Chair, Defence Management Studies Program, School of Policy Studies. *Office of the Auditor General of Canada:* Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Wendy Loschiuk, Principal; Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General. *As an individual:* Alan Williams, former Assistant Deputy Minister (Material).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

Douglas Bland and Alan Williams made statements and answered questions.

At 10:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:08 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Auditor General made a statement and, with Hugh McRoberts and Wendy Loschiuk, answered questions.

On motion of Denis Coderre, it was agreed, — That the Committee recommend that the Auditor General investigate the current military equipment procurement process and audit in particular the contracts (and invitations to tender) and selection criteria process of the five projects announced by the government, to wit: the acquisition of strategic airlift transport, the replacement of tactical transport aircraft, the purchase of trucks, the replacement of helicopters and the replacement of fixed-wing search and rescue aircraft.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Russ Hiebert,
Hon. Keith Martin
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert, Hon. Keith Martin and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

Dawn Black moved, — That the Committee schedule a meeting to examine and discuss the handling of detainees in Afghanistan, and that the Minister of National Defence and Chief of Defence Staff be invited to appear.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

At 11:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/20 11:43 a.m.

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Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 42

Thursday, March 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status and progress of Canadian involvement in Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant
and Russ Hiebert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Keith Martin,
and Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;

Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of National Defence:

BGen A. J. Howard, Director General, Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 42

Thursday, March 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant and Russ Hiebert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Keith Martin and Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Participants present: Department of National Defence: BGen A. J. Howard, Director General, Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status and progress of Canadian involvement in Afghanistan.

Brigadier-General Howard made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:02 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/22 12:22 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

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Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert, Hon. Keith Martin and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Blaine Calkins for Laurie Hawn.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/27 11:26 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 44

Thursday, March 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Carrier for Claude Bachand.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

World Security Institute:

Hon. Philip E. Coyle, Senior Advisor, Center for Defense
Information.

As an Individual:

Pierre L. Lagueux, former Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel),
Department of National Defence.

Quebec Aerospace Association :

Stewart Bain, Board Member and President, Advisory Council,
Board of Directors.

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company:

Jack Crisler, International Vice-President, Business Development,
Air Mobility;
Peter E. Simmons, Communications Director, Air Mobility.

EADS CASA:

Antonio Rodriguez-Barberán, Vice-President, Sales and
Marketing.

Pratt & Whitney Canada:

J. Richard Bertrand, Vice-President, Government Affairs.

Stewart Bain, Peter Simmons, Antonio Rodriguez-Barberán and Richard Bertrand made
statements and, with Jack Crisler, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 44

Thursday, March 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Robert Carrier for Claude Bachand.

Other Members present: Blaine Calkins.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: World Security Institute: Hon. Philip E. Coyle, Senior Advisor, Center for Defense Information. *As an individual:* Pierre L. Lagueux, former Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel), Department of National Defence. *Quebec Aerospace Association :* Stewart Bain, Board Member and President, Board of Directors. *Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company:* Jack Crisler, International Vice-President, Business Development, Air Mobility; Peter E. Simmons, Communications Director, Air Mobility. *EADS CASA:* Antonio Rodriguez-Barberán, Vice-President, Sales and Marketing. *Pratt & Whitney Canada:* J. Richard Bertrand, Vice-President, Government Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

Philip Coyle and Pierre Lagueux made statements and answered questions.

At 9:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:04 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Stewart Bain, Peter Simmons, Antonio Rodriguez-Barberán and Richard Bertrand made statements and, with Jack Crisler, answered questions.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/03 2:16 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

I.M.P. Group International Inc.:

Kenneth C. Rowe, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer;
Allen B. Conrad, Vice-President, Business Development,
Aerospace Division.

Kenneth Rowe made a statement and, with Allen Conrad, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 10:06 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: I.M.P. Group International Inc.: Kenneth C. Rowe, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; Allen B. Conrad, Vice-President, Business Development, Aerospace Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

Kenneth Rowe made a statement and, with Allen Conrad, answered questions.

At 11:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/17 1:58 p.m.

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Chair: Rick Casson.

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Meeting No. 46

Thursday, April 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Fifth report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which reads as follows, be concurred in:

Notwithstanding the Committee's concurrence in the fourth report of its Subcommittee on December 13, 2006, the Subcommittee recommends that the Committee undertake the following work with priority given as suggested by their order:

completion of a report of the study of the Canadian Forces missions in Afghanistan;

a study of the evolving relationship between NORAD and NORTHCOM; and

a focused study on a single aspect affecting the quality of life for members of the Canadian Forces and their families.

The Subcommittee recommends that the Minister and Chief of the Defence Staff be invited to appear at the earliest opportunity to respond to issues concerning the handling of detainees by the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

Further, the Subcommittee recommends that the Committee request the inclusion of detail on the Canadian Forces' work on development and reconstruction in Afghanistan, such as photographs of such works with specific locations and the dates of their completion, in the briefings given by National Defence Headquarters pursuant to the Committee's motions adopted November 1st, 2006, and February 1st, 2007..

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 9:27 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/19 11:28 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Vice-Chair: John Cannis.

Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status and progress of Canadian involvement in Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of National Defence:

BGen A. J. Howard, Director General, Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Participants present: Department of National Defence: BGen A. J. Howard, Director General, Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status and progress of Canadian involvement in Afghanistan.

Brigadier-General Howard made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:48 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:52 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/24 1:16 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 48

Thursday, April 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Dewar for Dawn Black,
Hon. Gurbax Malhi for John Cannis,
Christian Ouellet for Robert Bouchard,
Anthony Rota for Hon. Denis Coderre,
and Alan Tonks for Hon. Keith Martin.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Storseth.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;

Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

Thursday, April 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Paul Dewar for Dawn Black, Hon. Gurbax Malhi for John Cannis, Christian Ouellet for Robert Bouchard, Anthony Rota for Hon. Denis Coderre and Alan Tonks for Hon. Keith Martin.

Associate Members present: Brian Storseth.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Joe McGuire moved, — That the Committee invite General Raymond Henault, in his capacity as Chairman of the Military Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, to appear at his earliest convenience to provide an update on the Afghanistan mission.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 9:21 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:22 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/26 1:30 p.m.

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Vice-Chair: John Cannis.

Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Keith Martin,
and Brian Storseth for Rick Casson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;

Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Keith Martin and Brian Storseth for Rick Casson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Laurie Hawn moved, — That the Committee commence a study of the progress of current efforts to strengthen North American continental defence, in particular examining:

maritime surveillance on Canada's three coasts;

new and emerging threats to continental defence, such as territorial incursions, environmental damage, criminal activity, terrorism, industrial and military espionage;

developments at Canada Command;

the relationship and operational planning that exists between Public Safety and Emergency Planning Canada, Canada Command and North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD);

the interoperability of equipment, plans and procedures between Canada and the United States;

the contribution of key bilateral fora such as the Permanent Joint Board on Defence and the Military Cooperation Committee;

the roles played by, and relationships that exist between: NORAD, navies, coast guards, land units, border services, Internal Revenue Service, Canada Revenue Agency, police forces, and space-based assets; and

Canada's objectives in the areas of sovereignty, immigration, smuggling control, perimeter security from terrorism, internal security, anti-crime operations and environmental protection;

And that the Committee report its findings to Parliament.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

At 9:35 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:44 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/01 1:41 p.m.

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Vice-Chair: John Cannis.

Meeting No. 50

Thursday, May 3, 2007

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Meeting No. 50

Thursday, May 3, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Hon. Denis Coderre, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Keith Martin, Dean Del Mastro for Laurie Hawn and Brian Storseth for Cheryl Gallant.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/03 1:02 p.m.

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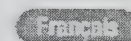
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Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

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Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert, Hon. Keith Martin and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: David Christopherson for Dawn Black.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/08 11:35 a.m.

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Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 52

Thursday, May 10, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn
and Russ Hiebert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 52

Thursday, May 10, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn and Russ Hiebert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Denis Coderre moved, — That the Standing Committee on National Defence report back to the House with recommendations on its study of the military equipment procurement process.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 9:13 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/10 12:49 p.m.

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Vice-Chair: Claude Bachand.

Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

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Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Vice-Chair, Claude Bachand, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Other Members present: Blaine Calkins.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

It was agreed, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 9:26 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/15 10:45 a.m.

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Vice-Chair: John Cannis.

Meeting No. 54

Thursday, May 17, 2007

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 54

Thursday, May 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Vice-Chair, John Cannis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn and Russ Hiebert.

Acting Members present: Bonnie Brown for Hon. Keith Martin, Blaine Calkins for Rick Casson, Alan Tonks for Hon. Joe McGuire and Blair Wilson for Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:53 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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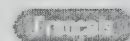
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Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 55

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Laurie Hawn and Russ Hiebert.

Acting Members present: Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Joe McGuire, Richard Nadeau for Claude Bachand, Rick Norlock for Cheryl Gallant and Paul Steckle for Hon. Keith Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet jointly at the first opportunity before the coming summer adjournment, in a televised, three-hour sitting, with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development to hear the Minister of Public Safety, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of National Defence in relation to the handling of persons detained by the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/29 11:46 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 56

Thursday, May 31, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status and progress of Canadian involvement in Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn
and Russ Hiebert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Joe McGuire,
Dean Del Mastro for Steven Blaney,
and Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Keith Martin.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Luc Harvey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

North Atlantic Treaty Organization:
Gen Raymond R. Henault, Chairman, Military Committee;
LCol Anthony White, Public Information Officer to the Chairman,
Military Committee.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of National Defence:
BGen A. J. Howard, Director General.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 56

Thursday, May 31, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met in a televised session at 8:50 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn and Russ Hiebert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Joe McGuire, Dean Del Mastro for Steven Blaney and Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Keith Martin.

Associate Members present: Luc Harvey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: North Atlantic Treaty Organization: Gen Raymond R. Henault, Chairman, Military Committee; LCol Anthony White, Public Information Officer to the Chairman, Military Committee.

Participants present: Department of National Defence: BGen A. J. Howard, Director General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status and progress of Canadian involvement in Afghanistan.

Brigadier-General Howard made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

General Hénault made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:21 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/31 2:24 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Del Mastro for Steven Blaney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Dean Del Mastro for Steven Blaney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:39 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

Laurie Hawn moved, — That, during the joint meeting of the Standing Committee on National Defence and the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development on June 6, 2007, the ministers be each given seven minutes to make an opening statement; that during the questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be, on the first round of questioning, ten minutes to a representative of each party in the following order: Liberal, Bloc Québécois, NDP, Conservative; on a second round of questioning, five minutes per party beginning with the Liberal, Conservative, Bloc Québécois, Conservative, Liberal, Conservative and Liberal; and on a third round of questioning, five minutes per party beginning with the Conservative, Liberal, Conservative, Bloc Québécois, Conservative and NDP.

Debate arose thereon.

Dawn Black moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “the ministers be each ” with the words “only the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Public Safety and the Minister of National Defence each be”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dawn Black and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

At 11:06 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/05 1:43 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Co-Chairs:
Rick Casson
Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 58

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006 and May 29, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert,
Hon. Keith Martin
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Del Mastro for Steven Blaney.

**MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENT:**

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave MacKenzie for Bill Casey.

OTHER MEMBERS PRÉSENTS:

Hon. Josée Verner.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
James Lee, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:

Angela Crandall, Clerk of the Committee.

APPEARING :

Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hon. Stockwell Day, Minister of Public Safety
Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence
Hon. Helena Guergis, Secretary of State (Foreign Affairs and International Trade).

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 58

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met in a televised joint session with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, Rick Casson, Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence, and Kevin Sorenson presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert, Hon. Keith Martin and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Dean Del Mastro for Steven Blaney.

Members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Dave MacKenzie for Bill Casey.

Other Members present: Hon. Josée Verner.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:* Angela Crandall, Clerk of the Committee.

Appearing: Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Stockwell Day, Minister of Public Safety; Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence; Hon. Helena Guergis, Secretary of State (Foreign Affairs and International Trade).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motions adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, and May 29, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Ministers and the Secretary of State made statements and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/08 9:52 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

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Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert, Hon. Keith Martin and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Dean Del Mastro for Steven Blaney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Committee's report, and that the Chair present the said report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That 350 copies of the report be printed in accordance with the policy established by the Board of Internal Economy in a tumble bilingual format.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), the Committee authorize the printing of opinions or recommendations, dissenting from or supplementary to the report, in an appendix immediately following the signature of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That any opinion or recommendation to be printed in an appendix to the report be received by the Clerk not later than noon, Wednesday, June 13, 2007.

At 10:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/12 11:06 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 60

Thursday, June 14, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Del Mastro for Steven Blaney,
Hon. John McCallum for John Cannis,
and Anthony Rota for Hon. Keith Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;

Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 60

Thursday, June 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Dean Del Mastro for Steven Blaney, Hon. John McCallum for John Cannis and Anthony Rota for Hon. Keith Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

On motion of Denis Coderre, it was agreed, — That the Committee travel to Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted Wednesday, December 13, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the procurement process including the tendering process and the establishment of capability requirements.

Denis Coderre moved, — That the Committee invite Colonel (Retired) Michel Drapeau, and representatives of EADS, the Rideau Institute and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives to appear before completing its report on procurement.

Debate arose thereon.

Russ Hiebert moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “Alternatives,” the words “, and others,” and that the words “in one meeting” be inserted after the word “appear”.

By unanimous consent, Russ Hiebert moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding after the word “others” the words “in two separate panels” and by adding after the word “meeting” the words, “of three hours”.

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Russ Hiebert and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Russ Hiebert and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Dean Del Mastro, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert — 4; NAYS: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Denis Coderre, John McCallum, Joe McGuire, Anthony Rota — 7.

Cheryl Gallant moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “appear” the words “and that the Committee invite written submissions from other groups”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Cheryl Gallant and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

At 9:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/14 3:00 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Member: Dawn Black.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.



Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Dawn Black, it was agreed, — That Rick Casson be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Denis Coderre, it was agreed, — That John Cannis be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee, *in absentia*.

On motion of Robert Bouchard, it was agreed, — That Claude Bachand be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

Laurie Hawn moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be established and be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, a member of the other opposition party, the Parliamentary Secretary, and another member of the official opposition.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 6.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be established and be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members are present, including one member of the opposition.

It was agreed, — That only the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute documents to members of the Committee and only when such documents exist in both official languages.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its subcommittees.

It was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses, not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

Denis Coderre moved, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an *in camera* meeting; and, that a representative of the Whip's office of each party be allowed to attend an *in camera* meeting.

Laurie Hawn moved, — That the motion be amended by substituting the words "a representative of the Whip's office of each party" with the words "one party staff member".

The question was put on the amendment of Laurie Hawn and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 6.

After debate, the question was put on the main motion and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of each *in camera* meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the substantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages.

It was agreed, — That, at the discretion of the Chair, witnesses be given ten (10) minutes to make their opening statement;

And that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be as follows:

1st round (7 minutes each)

— Liberal

— Bloc Québécois

— NDP

— Conservative

2nd round (5 minutes each)

— Liberal

— Conservative

— Bloc Québécois

— Conservative

— Liberal

— Conservative

— Liberal

3rd round (5 minutes each)

— Liberal

— Conservative

— Bloc Québécois

— Conservative

— Liberal

— Conservative

— Liberal

— NDP

And that when a minister is in attendance the order and time allocation for questioning witnesses be the same as above, with the exception that in the first round of questioning ten (10) minutes be allocated to each questioner of each party.

Laurie Hawn moved, — That the consideration and examination of any Bill (Government or Private Member's bill) which falls within the express mandate of the Committee shall take precedence over any study or non-legislative examination. In such circumstances the non-legislative study shall be deferred until such time as the Bill is reported back to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 6.

Laurie Hawn moved, — That all motions shall be dealt with by the Committee within two (2) meetings of their first being listed on the agenda as Committee business, failing which the motion shall be deemed abandoned by the mover and shall be dispensed with and may no longer be subject to Committee consideration.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 6.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet on Thursday, November 15, 2007.

At 11:37 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/19 1:21 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Denis Coderre moved, — That the First report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence be adopted:

On Thursday, November 15, 2007, the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure agreed:

- That the Standing Committee continue its study of Procurement and associated processes from the First Session of the 39th Parliament;
 - o That the evidence and documentation received by the Standing Committee on National Defence during the First Session of the 39th Parliament in relation to its study of Procurement and associated processes be taken into consideration by the Committee in this session;
 - o That the Minister of National Defence be invited to appear before the committee regarding its study of Procurement and associated processes; and,
 - o That the Committee present a report to the House before 2008.
- That the Minister of National Defence be invited to appear before the committee regarding its study of Supplementary Estimates (A), 2007-2008.
- That the Department of National Defence be requested to provide monthly briefings to the Standing Committee on the status and progress of Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.
- That the Department of National Defence be requested to provide a briefing, in one meeting and before 2008, on security preparations for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.
- That, in 2008, the Standing Committee conduct a study of Health services provided to CF personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.
- That the Standing Committee travel to Afghanistan.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 11:14 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:17 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/20 2:53 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

BGen P. Atkinson, Director General Operations, Strategic Joint
Staff .

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney and Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: BGen P. Atkinson, Director General Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.

BGen P. Atkinson made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:59 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, in relation to its travel to Afghanistan and Belgium, the Committee adopt a budget of \$ 249, 461.

At 12:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/29 10:27 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Vice-Chair: John Cannis.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Votes 1a and 5a under NATIONAL DEFENCE referred to the Committee on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant
and James Lunney.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Christopherson for Dawn Black,
Hon. Roy Cullen for Anthony Rota,
Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Joe McGuire,
Brian Jean for Laurie Hawn,
Michael Savage for John Cannis,
and Alan Tonks for Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;

Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Robert Fonberg, Deputy Minister;

Gen R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant and James Lunney.

Acting Members present: David Christopherson for Dawn Black, Hon. Roy Cullen for Anthony Rota, Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Joe McGuire, Brian Jean for Laurie Hawn, Michael Savage for John Cannis and Alan Tonks for Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Robert Fonberg, Deputy Minister; Gen R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

On Tuesday, November 27, 2007 the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure agreed:

1. That, in relation to its study of Procurement and associated processes, the Minister of National Defence be re-invited to appear before the Standing Committee; and that, if necessary, the Standing Committee meet outside its regular meeting times (Tuesday's and Thursday's from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) in order to accommodate the Minister's schedule.
2. That the draft itinerary for the Standing Committee's travel to Afghanistan and Belgium be adopted.

On motion of Denis Coderre, it was agreed, — That the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence be adopted.

At 11:48 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:04 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Votes 1a and 5a under NATIONAL DEFENCE referred to the Committee on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

The Minister Peter MacKay made a statement and, along with General R.J. Hillier, answered questions.

At 12:54 p.m., the second Vice-Chair, Claude Bachand, took the Chair.

At 12:57 p.m., Rick Casson took the Chair.

The Chair called Vote 1a under NATIONAL DEFENCE.

Vote 1a under NATIONAL DEFENCE carried.

The Chair called Vote 5a under NATIONAL DEFENCE.

Vote 5a under NATIONAL DEFENCE carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1a and 5a, under NATIONAL DEFENCE to the House.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/29 3:53 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of procurement and associated process.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patrick Brown for Steven Blaney,
and Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh for Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Patrick Brown for Steven Blaney and Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh for Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of procurement and associated process.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, in consultation with the analysts and the Clerk, revise the draft report, and present it to the Committee for adoption.

At 12:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:32 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Denis Coderre moved, — That the Standing Committee on National Defence ask the Auditor General to include in the mandate proposed by the Committee, (and approved by the AG) for the audit of the Government of Canada's defence procurement process, the CP 140 Aurora surveillance plane program and, in particular, the replacement and sudden cancellation of the Aurora Incremental Modernization Project.

On motion of Claude Bachand, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the words "surveillance plane program".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Patrick Brown, John Cannis, Denis Coderre, Ujjal Dosanjh, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Anthony Rota — 11; NAYS: — 0.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Standing Committee on National Defence ask the Auditor General to include in the mandate

proposed by the Committee, (and approved by the AG) for the audit of the Government of Canada's defence procurement process, the CP 140 Aurora surveillance plane program.

At 12:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/04 3:19 p.m.

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Chair: Hon. Rick Casson

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Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 11:37 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Robert Vincent for Robert Bouchard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of procurement and associated processes.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft report.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/06 3:37 p.m.



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Chair: Hon. Rick Casson

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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, December 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Hon. John McCallum for Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of procurement and associated processes.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft report.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/06 3:36 p.m.



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39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

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Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of procurement and associated process.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bernard Patry for Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Bernard Patry for Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of procurement and associated process.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:17 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Laurie Hawn gave notice of the following motion:

Pursuant to standing order 108 (1)(a), that the committee meet jointly at its first opportunity with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development to discuss the Manley Report, and that the chairmanship of the joint proceedings alternate between the respective chairs of the two standing committees;

and that the committee call the Hon. John Manley and all members of the Independent Panel on Canada's Future Role in Afghanistan, the ministers of National Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, with the option of adding further witnesses to provide their perspectives on this report;

that the joint proceedings occur during the ordinary scheduled time of this committee, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3:30pm to 5:30pm, commencing at the scheduled meeting immediately following the adoption of this motion and continuing until the conclusion of the meeting of February 28, 2008;

that the committee table a copy of the evidence;

that pursuant to Standing Order 109, the committee request that the government table a comprehensive response to the report;

and that these meetings be televised

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/30 10:49 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, January 31, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of procurement and associated process.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yasmin Ratansi for Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;

Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 9

Thursday, January 31, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Yasmin Ratansi for Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Laurie Hawn moved, — Pursuant to standing order 108 (1)(a), that the committee meet jointly at its first opportunity with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development to discuss the Manley Report, and that the chairmanship of the joint proceedings alternate between the respective chairs of the two standing committees;

and that the committee call the Hon. John Manley and all members of the Independent Panel on Canada's Future Role in Afghanistan, the ministers of National Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, with the option of adding further witnesses to provide their perspectives on this report;

that the joint proceedings occur during the ordinary scheduled time of this committee, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3:30pm to 5:30pm, commencing at the scheduled meeting immediately following the adoption of this motion and continuing until the conclusion of the meeting of February 28, 2008;

that the committee table a copy of the evidence;

that pursuant to Standing Order 109, the committee request that the government table a comprehensive response to the report;

and that these meetings be televised.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Steven Blaney, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney — 4; NAYS: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Denis Coderre, Joe McGuire, Yasmin Ratansi — 7.

At 4:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:15 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of procurement and associated process.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report dissenting and/or supplementary opinions from each Political Party provided that they are no more than six pages, in the same style and format as the report (Times New Roman, 12 point, 1.5 line spacing); and that it be submitted electronically in both official languages to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

It was agreed on division, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and Analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

At 4:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/01 11:06 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Christopherson for Dawn Black,
Jacques Gourde for Steven Blaney,
and Mario Silva for Hon. Denis Coderre.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

P. Atkinson, Director General Operations, Strategic Joint Staff .

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: David Christopherson for Dawn Black, Jacques Gourde for Steven Blaney and Mario Silva for Hon. Denis Coderre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: P. Atkinson, Director General Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.

BGen P. Atkinson made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:42 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:45 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, in relation to its travel to Afghanistan and Belgium, the Committee adopt a budget of \$249,461.

At 5:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/06 11:06 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, February 7, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Comartin for Dawn Black.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;

Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Hilary Jaeger, Commander Canadian Forces Health Services
Group, Director General of Health Services and Canadian Forces
Surgeon General;
Walter Semianiw, Chief of Military Personnel.

Mgen Walter Semianiw made a statement and, with BGen Hilary Jaeger, answered questions.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 11

Thursday, February 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for Dawn Black.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Hilary Jaeger, Commander Canadian Forces Health Services Group, Director General of Health Services and Canadian Forces Surgeon General; Walter Semianiw, Chief of Military Personnel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

Mgen Walter Semianiw made a statement and, with BGen Hilary Jaeger, answered questions.

At 5:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/12 11:23 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

LCol Gerry Blais, Director, Casualty Support and Administration;
Col David Weger, Director, Health Services Personnel.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: LCol Gerry Blais, Director, Casualty Support and Administration; Col David Weger, Director, Health Services Personnel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

LCol Gerry Blais and Col David Weger made statements and answered questions.

At 4:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/19 10:27 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, February 14, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Nadeau for Claude Bachand.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Cdr R.P. Briggs, Medical Advisor to the Chief of Maritime Staff;
Capt(N) M.E.C. Courchesne, Medical Advisor to the Chief of Air
Staff;

Col A.G. Darch, Medical Advisor to the Chief of Land Staff.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 13

Thursday, February 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Richard Nadeau for Claude Bachand.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Cdr R.P. Briggs, Medical Advisor to the Chief of Maritime Staff; Capt(N) M.E.C. Courchesne, Medical Advisor to the Chief of Air Staff; Col A.G. Darch, Medical Advisor to the Chief of Land Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Dawn Black moved, — That, as part of the Committee's study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder, the Committee invite Ms. Cindy Smith-MacDonald and Ann le Clair to appear before the Standing Committee on National Defence at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held on February 28th 2008.

It was agreed, - That consideration of Dawn Black's motion be postponed until the next scheduled meeting of February 28, 2008.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/19 10:31 a.m.

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Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, February 28, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, February 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Chair submit for approval the Committee's budget to travel to Afghanistan and Belgium at the next meeting of the Liaison Committee or the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets.

At 4:47 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:50 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Dawn Black, which was postponed at the meeting of February 14, 2008, and which read as follows:

That, as part of the Committee's study of Health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder, the Committee invite Ms. Cindy Smith-MacDonald and Ann le Clair to appear before the Standing Committee on National Defence at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held on February 28th 2008.

On motion of Claude Bachand, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held on February 28th, 2008" with the words "as soon as possible".

The question: "That, as part of the Committee's study of Health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder, the Committee invite Ms. Cindy Smith-MacDonald and Ann le Clair to appear before the Standing Committee on National Defence as soon as possible" was put and was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

On motion of Laurie Hawn, it was agreed, — That during two (2) in camera meetings the committee receive testimony from individual soldiers and family members regarding its study of Health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder; and, that committee members submit the names of a maximum of sixteen (16) individual soldiers and family members to the Clerk.

At 5:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:03 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That Committee members provide the names of individual soldiers and family members to the Clerk no later than March 14, 2008.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/29 11:49 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Alain Brunet, Researcher at the Douglas Institute, Associate
Professor, Department of Psychiatry, McGill University .

Department of National Defence:

LCol Theresa Girvin, Psychiatrist, Mental Health Services, CFB
Edmonton.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Alain Brunet, Researcher at the Douglas Institute, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, McGill University . *Department of National Defence:* LCol Theresa Girvin, Psychiatrist, Mental Health Services, CFB Edmonton.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

Alain Brunet made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:28 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting resumed.

LCol Theresa Girvin made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/13 2:36 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, March 6, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jacques Gourde for Steven Blaney,
and Hon. Shawn Murphy for Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

BGen Hilary Jaeger, Commander of the Canadian Forces Health Services Group, Director General of Health Services and Canadian Forces Surgeon General;
LCol Joel Fillion, Senior Staff Officer, Mental Health.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Wendy Loschiuk, Assistant Auditor General.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with Wendy Loschiuk, answered questions.

BGen Hilary Jaeger made a statement and, with LCol Joel Fillion, answered questions.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, March 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Jacques Gourde for Steven Blaney and Hon. Shawn Murphy for Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: BGen Hilary Jaeger, Commander of the Canadian Forces Health Services Group, Director General of Health Services and Canadian Forces Surgeon General; LCol Joel Fillion, Senior Staff Officer, Mental Health. *Office of the Auditor General of Canada:* Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Wendy Loschiuk, Assistant Auditor General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with Wendy Loschiuk, answered questions.

At 4:26 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:27 p.m., the sitting resumed.

BGen Hilary Jaeger made a statement and, with LCol Joel Fillion, answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/13 2:38 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Veterans Affairs Canada:

Kathy Darte, Manager, Operational Stress Injury Social Support;
Col Donald S. Ethell, (retired), Chair , Joint Department of
National Defence and Department of Veterans Affairs Canada
Operational Stress Injury Social Support Advisory Committee.

Department of National Defence:

Cyndi Greene, Peer Support Coordinator, Calgary and Alberta
South;
Shawn Hearn, Peer Support Coordinator, Newfoundland and
Labrador;
Maj Mariane Le Beau, Manager, Operational Stress Injury Social
Support.

Col Donald S. Ethell, Shawn Hearn and Cyndi Greene made statements and, with the
other witnesses, answered questions.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Veterans Affairs Canada: Kathy Darte, Manager, Operational Stress Injury Social Support; Col Donald S. Ethell, (retired), Chair, Joint Department of National Defence and Department of Veterans Affairs Canada Operational Stress Injury Social Support Advisory Committee. *Department of National Defence:* Cyndi Greene, Peer Support Coordinator, Calgary and Alberta South; Shawn Hearn, Peer Support Coordinator, Newfoundland and Labrador; Maj Mariane Le Beau, Manager, Operational Stress Injury Social Support.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

Col Donald S. Ethell, Shawn Hearn and Cyndi Greene made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/12 9:16 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, March 13, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Allen for Cheryl Gallant.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Veterans Affairs Canada:

Doug Clorey, Director, Mental Health Policy Directorate;
Rachel Corneille Gravel, Executive Director, Ste. Anne's Hospital;
Raymond Lalonde, Director, National Centre for Operational
Stress Injuries.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, March 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Mike Allen for Cheryl Gallant.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Veterans Affairs Canada: Doug Clorey, Director, Mental Health Policy Directorate; Rachel Corneille Gravel, Executive Director, Ste. Anne's Hospital; Raymond Lalonde, Director, National Centre for Operational Stress Injuries.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/14 9:41 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, April 3, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Shawn Murphy for Anthony Rota,
and Alan Tonks for Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

LGen Michel Gauthier, Commander , Canadian Expeditionary
Forces Command;

Col Jean-Robert Bernier, Director, Health Services Operations.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, April 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Shawn Murphy for Anthony Rota and Alan Tonks for Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: LGen Michel Gauthier, Commander, Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command; Col Jean-Robert Bernier, Director, Health Services Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Third Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

On Tuesday, April 1, 2008, the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure agreed:

That, in relation to its study of Health services provided to CF personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder, a budget of \$57, 800 be adopted;

That, in relation to its study of Health services provided to CF personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder, twelve members of the Standing Committee on National Defence travel to Wainwright, Alberta, from May 11, 2008 to May 14, 2008;

That, in relation to its study of Health services provided to CF personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder, twelve members of the Standing Committee on National Defence travel to Valcartier, Quebec, from June 2, 2008 to June 4, 2008;

That, for the meeting of April 15, 2008, the Committee request a briefing on the North Atlantic Treaty

Organization Summit in Bucharest, Romania.

On motion of Steven Blaney, it was agreed, — That the Third Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence be adopted.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/07 9:55 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

IN CAMERA

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Robert Ayres; Sylvain Chartrand; Maurice Coady; Cindy Coady; George Dumont; Stacey-Lorraine Daza; Ann LeClair; Cindy Smith-MacDonald.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

Maurice Coady, Cindy Smith-MacDonald, and Ann LeClair made statements and answered questions.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Sylvain Chartrand, Robert Ayres and George Dumont made statements and answered questions.

At 5:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/05 9:55 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, April 10, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Joe McGuire,
Anthony Rota
and Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Allen for Steven Blaney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:
BGen P. Atkinson, Director General Operations, Strategic Joint Staff ;
Col Dean J. Milner, Commander, 2nd Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group;
LCol Roger R. Barrett, Commanding Officer, Third Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment;
LCol Stephen M. Cadden, Commanding Officer, Royal Canadian Dragoons;
LCol Craig L. Dalton, Commanding Officer, 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.

Col Dean J. Milner made a statement and, with LCol Roger R. Barrett, answered questions.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, April 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Joe McGuire, Anthony Rota and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Mike Allen for Steven Blaney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: BGen P. Atkinson, Director General Operations, Strategic Joint Staff ; Col Dean J. Milner, Commander, 2nd Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group; LCol Roger R. Barrett, Commanding Officer, Third Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment; LCol Stephen M. Cadden, Commanding Officer, Royal Canadian Dragoons; LCol Craig L. Dalton, Commanding Officer, 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.

BGen P. Atkinson made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:27 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:29 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

Col Dean J. Milner made a statement and, with LCol Roger R. Barrett, answered questions.

At 5:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:16 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 76, 717, for the Committee's travel to Wainwright, Alberta on May 11, 2008 to May 14, 2008 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee..

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 40, 380 for the Committee's travel to Valcartier, Quebec on June 2, 2008 to June 4, 2008 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget

to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee..

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 10:11 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on Thursday, April 3, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit in Bucharest, Romania.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Cheryl Gallant,
and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:
David Mulroney, Deputy Minister.

Military Family Resource Centre, Halifax and Region:
Colleen Calvert, Executive Director.

Gagetown Military Family Resource Centre:
Beth Corey, Executive Director.

Petawawa Military Family Resource Centre:
Theresa Sabourin, Executive Director.

Military Family Services:
Celine Thompson, Director.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee



Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Cheryl Gallant and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Privy Council Office: David Mulroney, Deputy Minister. *Military Family Resource Centre, Halifax and Region:* Colleen Calvert, Executive Director. *Gagetown Military Family Resource Centre:* Beth Corey, Executive Director. *Petawawa Military Family Resource Centre:* Theresa Sabourin, Executive Director. *Military Family Services:* Celine Thompson, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on Thursday, April 3, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit in Bucharest, Romania.

David Mulroney made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:18 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

Celine Thompson, Colleen Calvert, Beth Corey, and Theresa Sabourin made statements and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/16 9:15 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, April 17, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Hon. Joe McGuire,
Anthony Rota
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Vincent for Robert Bouchard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

MGen Tim Grant, Deputy Commander, Canadian Expeditionary Force Command, Former Commander, Joint Task Force, Afghanistan;

LCol Simon Hetherington, Executive Assistant, Chief of the Land Staff, Former Commanding Officer, Provincial Reconstruction Team;

Col Omer Lavoie, Task Force Commander, Counter Improvised Explosives Task Force, Former Battle Group Commander, First Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, April 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Hon. Joe McGuire, Anthony Rota and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Robert Vincent for Robert Bouchard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: MGen Tim Grant, Deputy Commander, Canadian Expeditionary Force Command, Former Commander, Joint Task Force, Afghanistan; LCol Simon Hetherington, Executive Assistant, Chief of the Land Staff, Former Commanding Officer, Provincial Reconstruction Team; Col Omer Lavoie, Task Force Commander, Counter Improvised Explosives Task Force, Former Battle Group Commander, First Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/18 8:54 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, May 1, 2008

IN CAMERA

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, May 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Hon. Joe McGuire, Anthony Rota and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Robert Hoffman, Administration and Logistic Officer.

Witnesses: As individuals: Audra Franklin; Paul Franklin; Jesse Larochelle; Randall Larochelle.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:11 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:16 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, in relation to its study of Health services provided to CF personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder, the Committee invite the following witnesses:

- General Rick Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff;
- Three Base Surgeons from Canadian Forces Bases in Petawawa, Edmonton, and Valcartier;
- LGen Andrew Leslie, Chief of the Land Staff;
- Vice Admiral Drew Robertson, Chief of Maritime Staff;
- LGen Angus Watt, Chief of the Air Staff;
- Chief of Reserves and Environmental Reserve Advisors;
- Roméo Dallaire;
- Fred Doucette;
- Greg Passey;

- Kent Carswell; and
- Chris Clark.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/05 10:12 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Hon. Joe McGuire,
Anthony Rota
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Comartin for Dawn Black.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Forces Grievance Board:

James Price, Acting Chairperson;
Caroline Maynard, Director, Legal Services.

Department of National Defence:

Mary McFadyen, Interim Ombudsman, Office of the National
Defence and Canadian Forces Ombudsman.

As an Individual:

Pat Stogran, Veterans Ombudsman.

James Price, Mary McFadyen, and Pat Stogran made statements and, along with Caroline Maynard, answered questions.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Hon. Joe McGuire, Anthony Rota and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for Dawn Black.

Associate Members present: Harold Albrecht.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Forces Grievance Board: James Price, Acting Chairperson; Caroline Maynard, Director, Legal Services. *Department of National Defence:* Mary McFadyen, Interim Ombudsman, Office of the National Defence and Canadian Forces Ombudsman. *As an individual:* Colonel (Retired) Pat Stogran, Veterans Ombudsman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

James Price, Mary McFadyen, and Pat Stogran made statements and, along with Caroline Maynard, answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/07 9:00 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, May 8, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Hon. Joe McGuire,
Anthony Rota
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Comartin for Dawn Black,
Gary Goodyear for James Lunney,
and Alan Tonks for Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Joyce Belliveau;
Robin Geneau;
Robert Ferrie;
Jonathan Shay;
Michael Kent Carswell;
Kathrine Carswell;
Chris Clark;
Tammy Greene-Clark.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, May 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Hon. Joe McGuire, Anthony Rota and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for Dawn Black, Gary Goodyear for James Lunney and Alan Tonks for Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Joyce Belliveau; Robin Geneau; Robert Ferrie; Jonathan Shay; Michael Kent Carswell; Kathrine Carswell; Chris Clark; Tammy Greene-Clark.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

Joyce Belliveau, Robin Geneau, Robert Ferrie, and Jonathan Shay made statements and answered questions.

At 4:52 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:57 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Michael Kent Carswell and Chris Clark made statements and answered questions.

At 6:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/09 11:27 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, May 15, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
James Lunney,
Anthony Rota
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Wayne Easter for John Cannis,
Hon. Wayne Easter for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
Pierre Lemieux for Steven Blaney,
Irene Mathysen for Dawn Black,
Rob Merrifield for Laurie Hawn,
Pauline Picard for Robert Bouchard,
and Roger Valley for John Cannis.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Dewar.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, May 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, James Lunney, Anthony Rota and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Wayne Easter for John Cannis, Hon. Wayne Easter for Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Pierre Lemieux for Steven Blaney, Irene Mathysen for Dawn Black, Rob Merrifield for Laurie Hawn, Pauline Picard for Robert Bouchard and Roger Valley for John Cannis.

Other Members present: Paul Dewar.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 4:59 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:02 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the following be reported to the House: As part of its study of Health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder, the Standing Committee on National Defence recommends that the Auditor General immediately conduct a thorough review of all Canadian Forces Bases to evaluate the available services, treatments and care for mental health injuries provided by the Department of National Defence.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/20 1:26 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Vice-Chair: Claude Bachand.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, May 29, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown for Hon. Joe McGuire,
Brian Jean for Steven Blaney,
Hon. Maria Minna for Anthony Rota,
and Hon. Geoff Regan for John Cannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Hon. LGen Roméo A. Dallaire, (Retired), Senator;
Fred Doucette;
Dr. Greg Passey;
Rev. Allan Studd.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, May 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Claude Bachand, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Bonnie Brown for Hon. Joe McGuire, Brian Jean for Steven Blaney, Hon. Maria Minna for Anthony Rota and Hon. Geoff Regan for John Cannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Hon. LGen Roméo A. Dallaire, (Retired), Senator; Fred Doucette; Dr. Greg Passey; Rev. Allan Studd.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Hon. LGen Roméo A. Dallaire made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Fred Doucette, Dr. Greg Passey, and Rev. Allan Studd made statements and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/30 9:02 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, June 5, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

MGen D.C. Tabbernor, Chief, Reserves and Cadets;
Cmdre J. Bennett, Commander, Naval Reserve;
BGen G.J.P. O'Brien, Director General, Land Reserve;
BGen E.B. Thuen, Director General, Air Reserve.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, June 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: MGen D.C. Tabernor, Chief, Reserves and Cadets; Cmdre J. Bennett, Commander, Naval Reserve; BGen G.J.P. O'Brien, Director General, Land Reserve; BGen E.B. Thuen, Director General, Air Reserve.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:47 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:51 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, - That the Chair, in consultation with the Committee Staff, send a letter to the Chair of the Special Committee on the Canadian Mission in Afghanistan regarding the Standing Committee on National Defence's travel to Afghanistan.

At 4:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/06 12:55 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire,
Anthony Rota
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

BGen P. Atkinson, Director General Operations, Strategic Joint
Staff .

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire, Anthony Rota and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: BGen P. Atkinson, Director General Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.

BGen P. Atkinson made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/10 5:15 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, June 12, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire
and Anthony Rota.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Martha Hall Findlay for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

H. Flaman, Surgeon, Land Force Western Area, CFB Edmonton;
S. West, Base Surgeon, Canadian Forces Health Services Centre
Ottawa;
D.R. Wilcox, Regional Surgeon, Joint Task Force Atlantic.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, June 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire and Anthony Rota.

Acting Members present: Martha Hall Findlay for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: H. Flaman, Surgeon, Land Force Western Area, CFB Edmonton; S. West, Base Surgeon, Canadian Forces Health Services Centre Ottawa; D.R. Wilcox, Regional Surgeon, Joint Task Force Atlantic.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/13 9:37 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 32

Monday, June 16, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, June 16, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-60, An Act to amend the National Defence Act (court martial) and to make a consequential amendment to another Act.

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire,
Anthony Rota
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Comartin for Dawn Black,
Jacques Gourde for Steven Blaney,
Brian Murphy for John Cannis,

Jean-Yves Roy for Robert Bouchard,
Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac for Robert Bouchard,
Alan Tonks for John Cannis,
Alan Tonks for Hon. Joe McGuire,
Jeff Watson for James Lunney,
and John Williams for Laurie Hawn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;
Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Marc Toupin, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Michel Drapeau;
Zorica Guzina.

Department of National Defence:

LCol Michael R. Gibson, Director, Strategic Legal Analysis;
Col Patrick K. Gleeson, Deputy Judge Advocate General, Military
Justice and Administrative Law;
BGen Kenneth W. Watkin, Judge Advocate General.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Monday, June 16, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire, Anthony Rota and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for Dawn Black, Jacques Gourde for Steven Blaney, Brian Murphy for John Cannis, Jean-Yves Roy for Robert Bouchard, Ève-Mary Thériault for Robert Bouchard, Alan Tonks for John Cannis, Alan Tonks for Hon. Joe McGuire, Jeff Watson for James Lunney and John Williams for Laurie Hawn.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Marc Toupin, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: As individuals: Michel Drapeau; Zorica Guzina. *Department of National Defence:* LCol Michael R. Gibson, Director, Strategic Legal Analysis; Col Patrick K. Gleeson, Deputy Judge Advocate General, Military Justice and Administrative Law; BGen Kenneth W. Watkin, Judge Advocate General.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, June 16, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-60, An Act to amend the National Defence Act (court martial) and to make a consequential amendment to another Act.

BGen Kenneth W. Watkin made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Michel Drapeau made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:15 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Chair called Clause 1.

Clause 1 carried.

Clause 2 carried.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 3 to 12 inclusive carried.

Clause 13 carried.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 14 to 26 inclusive carried.

Clause 27 carried.

On Clause 27.1,

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That Bill C-60 be amended by adding after line 31 on page 8 the following new clause:

“REVIEW AND REPORT

27.1 (1) Within two years after the day on which this Act receives royal assent, a comprehensive review of the provisions and operation of this Act shall be undertaken by the committee of either the Senate or the House of Commons or of both Houses of Parliament that is designated or established by the Senate or the House of Commons or by both Houses of Parliament, as the case may be, for that purpose.

(2) Within one year after the review is undertaken, or within any longer period that the Senate or the House of Commons or both Houses of Parliament may authorize, the committee shall submit a report on the review to Parliament, including a statement of any changes that the committee recommends.”

Claude Bachand moved, — That the amendment be amended by replacing the words “the committee of either the Senate or the House of Commons or of both Houses of Parliament that is designated or established by the Senate or the House of Commons or by both Houses of Parliament, as the case may be, for that purpose.” by the following:

“by a committee that is designated by the House of Commons for that purpose.”

and by replacing the words “(2) Within one year after the review is undertaken, or within any longer period that the Senate or the House of Commons or both Houses of Parliament may authorize, the committee shall submit a report on the review to Parliament, including a statement of any changes that the committee recommends.” by the following:

“(2) Within one year after the review is undertaken, or within any longer period that the House of Commons may authorize, the committee shall submit a report on the review, including a statement of any changes that the committee recommends, to the House of Commons.”

The question was put on the subamendment of Claude Bachand and it was negatived.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bryon Wilfert and it was agreed to.

After debate, Clause 28 was negatived.

Clause 29 carried.

Clause 30 carried.

Clause 31 carried.

On new Clause 31.1,

Claude Bachand moved, — That Bill C-60 be amended by adding after line 39 on page 10 the following new clause:

“SUNSET PROVISION

31.1 The amendments made by this Act cease to have effect on the day that is two years after the day on which this Act comes into force or, if Parliament is not then in session, on the day that is 90 days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.”

Dawn Black moved, — That the amendment be amended by replacing the words “two years” with the words “three years”

The question was put on the subamendment of Dawn Black and it was negatived.

The question was put on the amendment of Claude Bachand and it was negatived.

Clause 32 carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-60, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 7:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/18 10:15 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Chair: Rick Casson.

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Steven Blaney,
Robert Bouchard,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
James Lunney,
Hon. Joe McGuire,
Anthony Rota
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Cox, Analyst;
Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

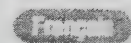
WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Gen Rick Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff;
MGen Walter Semianiw, Chief of Military Personnel;
Capt(N) Hans Jung, Deputy Surgeon General;
LCol Stéphane Grenier.

Gen Rick Hillier made a statement and, with MGen Walter Semianiw, answered questions.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee



Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, Steven Blaney, Robert Bouchard, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, James Lunney, Hon. Joe McGuire, Anthony Rota and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Cox, Analyst; Wolf Koerner, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Gen Rick Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff; MGen Walter Semianiw, Chief of Military Personnel; Capt(N) Hans Jung, Deputy Surgeon General; LCol Stéphane Grenier.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of health services provided to Canadian Forces personnel with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder.

Gen Rick Hillier made a statement and, with MGen Walter Semianiw, answered questions.

At 4:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/19 3:52 p.m.
